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Dedication

It is with a deep sense of obligation that we dedicate this Centennial Book to the American Pioneers who first settled the territory between the two English Rivers and 100 years ago began building, upon frontier soil, a town, which is now North English. They shall not pass this way again, but the best traditions of the American Pioneer will always be imprinted on the pages of a history book in the library of our thoughts.

—The Centennial Book Committee.

Birdseye View of North English



How We Looked Then



James and Susan Rice



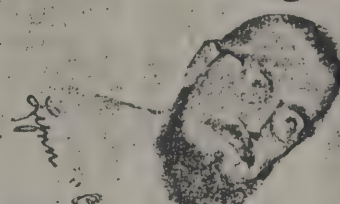
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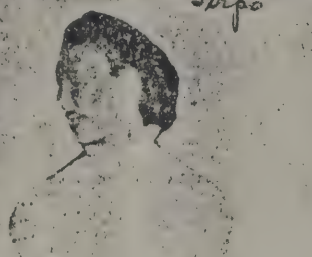
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Loren and Minnie Moffitt



John "Bud" McArthur



Velma Van Aken



Harold Newberry



A doll in the parade



Geneva Limmons



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Renald "Stormy" Butler



Harry Miller



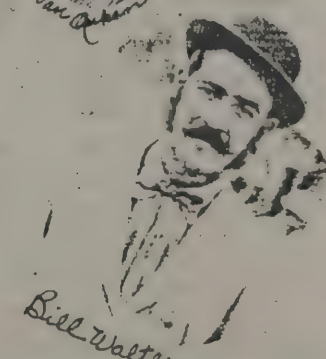
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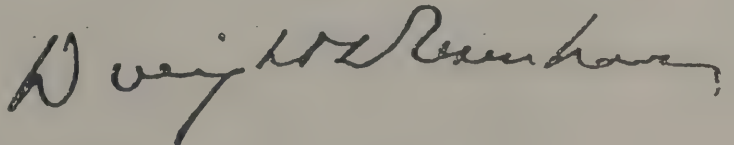
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1954

TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA:

I have just learned of the centennial celebration which your community is planning August 6, 7 and 8 and I am delighted to send greetings to all of you participating in this significant observance. You have my best wishes for many future years of prosperity and progress, and for continued increase in all the material and spiritual values that bring enduring happiness to the people of your community.

With warm congratulations,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Dwight D. Eisenhower". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name "Dwight" and the last name "Eisenhower" being more prominent than the middle initial "D.". The signature is positioned above the printed name.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

Centennial Visitors -- From Afar



Wm. S. Coffman, Milo Lockridge, Mrs. Wm. Moore and Mr. Moore of Fort Collins, Colorado, Donald and Wm. J. Coffman, Mac Hedges of Ft. Collins; Kathy and Linda Coffman.



Mrs. Ruth Carmichael of Sigourney, Martha Lindsey, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Claypool of Williamsburg.



Carl and Agnes Butler of Long Beach, California. John Feldaverd, Atha Allen, Mrs. Frank Calvin of Swisher, Roey Butler, Frank Calvin, Mrs. Wm. Wagner, of Iowa City, Wm. Wagner, Alva Allen.



Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wagner of Cedar Rapids, Leona Wagner Kitt, and Anna Mary Wagner Gallagher of Des Moines. The little girl is a daughter of the late Harry Wagner.



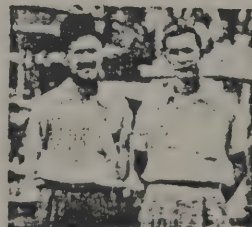
Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Oleson of Waterloo.



Elizabeth Mason Williams of Fairfax; Mr. and Mrs. Jess Mason of Sherwood, Oregon.



Harriet Off Holsteen, Fred Holsteen and Mary of Burlington and Clarence Off.



Bruce Warner with his brother, Norman Warner, Here from Quito, Ecuador



Mrs. Rilla Mahannah of Los Angeles, California Mrs. Arthur Baird of Newton, Helen Gibbens and Donald Gibbens.



Betty Claypool, Pauline Humphrey, Helen Hervey, Mary Alice Carter, Eva Wallace, R. S. Ferris, Marie Casady, Opal McNally, and Lura Winchell.

It has been our fortune and pleasure to have served this fine community and to aid in its development.

We have all progressed together and we trust that during the next 100 years our mutual relations and success will continue as they have in the past.

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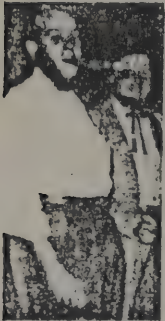
Sandy Singer Show KCRI-TV "North English Night" in Cedar Rapids, July 27.



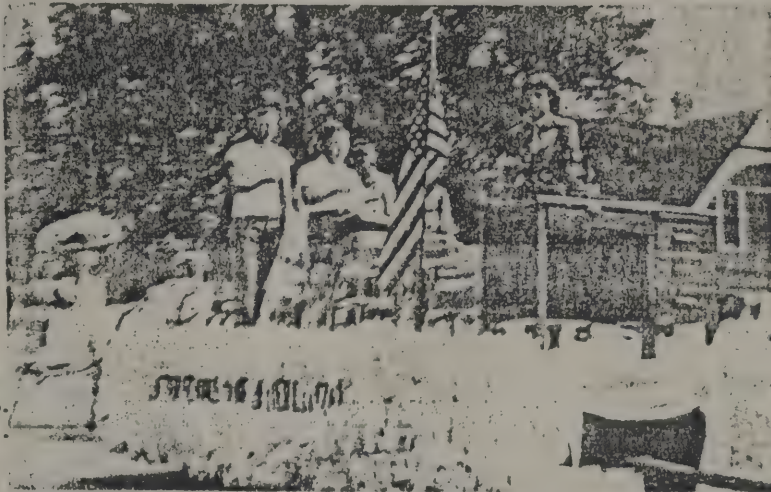
Sandy interviews Mr. and Mrs. Everette Lortz. Five hundred North English people were present for the telecast.



Sandy talks with Dean Cheney, having just interviewed Mr. & Mrs. Eldon Beorkrem and family standing in back of Dean.



The big cigar in the teeth of Bob Casteel nearly hides Willard Popham.



Wilbur Cheney tips his "katy" while "Dusty" Cheney is startled by photographers flash.

Better Schools Club had this float in the parade. From left: Leslie Williams, Christian Bauer, Pat O'Rourke and Jo Rae Hogendorn. Jay Gould drives the horse in the background.



Main street looked like the "old west" with hitching rails and log fronts. This shot taken in front of Millers Hardware shows from left: Lecil Miller, Layton Riess, Irma Riess, Verletta Donahue, Mrs. Everett Denison, Blanche Miller, Mildred Miller, Leelyn Miller, Willard Thurman, Fulton Donahue, Frank Mullin, Vernon Faas, Everette Denison, Homer Kirkpatrick.

100 - Year - Old North English Has Had Interesting History

To attempt to portray accurately the memories and incidents of a town established a century ago, seems an impossible undertaking. Yet with the assistance of the memories of the older citizens of the town now living, and records of early history, the committee has prepared this review of the town of North English, Iowa.

People who came before us are seldom thought of; to many of us, they are just names, yellowing in family Bibles, in histories, or mossy epitaphs in surrounding cemeteries. But they were once real and alive as shown in a century of progress. Those people came into the wilderness of wild forests and dreary plains to make a settlement in 1854.

The first settler, Michael B. Vincent, looking for a favorable place to locate, settled on the present site of the old town.

For a time, the settlement was known as Soap Town. This name derived from a small soap factory, owned and operated by the founder, Michael Vincent. The soap factory was located in the vicinity near Smith's garage. Due to the fact that at the time the soap factory was in its prime, no permanent roads passed near it, and that it was entirely surrounded by fields, it is impossible for any present day resident to determine the exact location. Also, those who can recall the old soap factory were only very small children when it was in operation.

Other institutions ranking among the earliest establishments of the settlement were Jacob Yaeger's store on the corner where Mrs. Minnie Claypool now resides. This residence was the early home of Timothy and Lydia Magoon, deceased. They were prominent citizens of the town. Butler's store stood across the street on the corner east of the Yaeger Store on the premises known as the "Aunt Mary Thomas Corner." The Erwin Lortz's residence was recently built on this site. Thomas G. Watters also was one of the earliest business men, and his store was located a lot or two south of the Yaeger Store.

On June 8, 1855, Thomas G. Watters and Jacob Yaeger platted the southwest quarter of section 36, township 78, range 10, and called it Ne-

vada. A little later, with the coming of the first postoffice and the knowledge of another Nevada in Story County, it became necessary to again change the name of the town and the name North English was adopted; no doubt with due respect to its naturalistic associations with English River and its various branches.

The testimony of the rapid development of the new town, later to become familiar as the "old town," is the original parchment plat of Watter's addition which was laid out June 10, 1856. With main street running south from the residence now occupied by Mrs. Chas. Hahn.

In this addition was the site of the first post office, built in 1857. Bob Ardrey was the first postmaster in town. Previous to this, the post office was kept on the farm of Chauncey Clothier, four miles northeast of town, and the mail was carried by horseback from Harper.

Other pioneers who had no small part in the early development of North English were as follows: "Uncle Joe" Leper, who later had a store on the site formerly occupied by the Butler store; Alex Wilson, blacksmith; John Rhodes, a school teacher; Pete Rhodes, photographer; Dr. Artor, druggist; Tom Wilson, general store; Charley Lutton, general store; Minnie De Witt, milliner; Dr. Darwert, probably the first physician; Dr. A. T. Doll, druggist and medicine doctor; John Miles, grist mill and later a saw mill; Perry Whitson, stockbuyer; Mike Shanks, carpenter; Lyman and Little, operated the first tavern, on the premises that, for many years, accommodated the home of the late Warren Thomas family, now occupied by Mrs. Chas. Hahn. William Magoon, hotel (this building probably was later known as the Flucky building).

Ernest Green bought the building in later years and in tearing it down discovered a well and tunnel leading to a cave under the house, which showed signs of having been used as an "underground railroad," for runaway slaves during Civil War days. Achilles Morris, wagon maker; in that day all the coffins were made of walnut lumber by Achilles Morris.

A somewhat later group of business men were Johnny Mowers, shoemaker; E. B. McCracken, postmaster; J. H.

Swope, restaurant; David Thomas, store; James Lockridge and Ira Smith, first furniture dealers, and Mr. Lockridge for many years made coffins of walnut lumber. In later years Mr. Lockridge worked at the carpenter trade. Many of the houses in the new town were built by him. Hugh Fluckey, hardware and blacksmith; James Dowding, jeweler, he occupied a corner of the post office.

In 1856 North English was a town of about 100 citizens, one store, one blacksmith shop, two saw mills, one doctor, and about twenty dwellings. Other established businesses in the old town were W. E. Thomas, G. W. Moore and Poke Williams, merchants; Dr. Cameron, I. I. Nicola, Ira White, druggists.

We will let North English sleep a few years and come down to a later date.

The shift from the "old town" to the "new town" began when the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railroad was built in 1884. The first building was erected by Curry & Evans on Main Street.

Others followed while some refused to depart from the "old town" and thus the old town and the new town feud had its beginning.

Many business houses were moved from the old town to the new town.

Those representing businesses in the New Town at various dates were: W. T. Thomas, J. W. Erwin, J. T. Lutton, G. W. Moore & Co., T. L. Kennedy, L. A. Carter, Roller & Boyd, Thomas Wilson, Cleveland and Doughty, Fair Store opened by Sam Greenblatt, Farmer's Co-op association—all general merchandise.

The Farmers Co-op sent out huckster wagons to the surrounding farmers, these wagons hauled bolts of calico, thread, needles, groceries, and exchanged for butter and eggs with the farmers. John Swope drove a huckster wagon for the Farmer's Store.

First grocers were: J. H. Swope, J. H. Loos, W. H. Miller, Jesse Mason, Myron & Dow Mason, W. M. Sampson, Sammy Billingsley and others.

One of the most popular business men in early days was Sammy Billingsley and his wife, Bessie, who operated a grocery store where the Mahannah furniture store is now located.

This history would not be complete without mentioning Sammy's sense of humor and his love for children. Every child in or near North English knew Sammy and always bought candy at his store where they received a generous amount for a penny.

The schools were closed for his funeral as he was a friend to all the school children. Sammy loved to hunt and was often seen taking off to the country with dog and gun for a day's hunt.

Grocers at the present time are, Barney Morgan U-Save, Fair Store, Beorkrems Clover Farm.

First Hardware Stores: Scheel & Plenka, Fluckey and Brewer, E. S. Parker, Tom Evans, Wine and Bauhard, Dick Watkins.

Present Hardware Stores: Millers, Lockridge, Lorene Graham & Son, Dean Morse.

First Clothing Stores: Isaac Klein, Carson & Arthur, Carson & H. V. Boyd, Hatter & Bauer.

Present Clothing Store: Carson & Gardner.

First Furniture & Undertaking: J. A. Lockridge, C. D. Mahannah, Edd Gill, W. H. Barnes, H. A. Brewer, Curtis Adams.

Present Furniture & Undertaking: Mahannah's.

First Photography: Pete Rhodes, C. D. Mahannah, Ross Mahannah.

First Druggists: Erwin & Shotts; Jones & Bartholomew, Dr. Cameron I. I. Nicols, Ira White, C. E. Remington, T. M. Foster, Ladage's, F. C. Allen.

Present Druggist: Frank Allen was in business for the longest period of years, which was from 1912 to 1953 when he sold to Carl E. Noel.

First Post Office: The first post master was Bob Ardrey; C. B. McCracken, F. T. Wagner, Tom MacMillan, Perry Whitson, M. S. Brown, Mrs. J. D. Butler, J. W. Hadley, Mrs. W. W. Lawer.

Present Post Office: George M. Smith.

Millinery: Minnie De Witt was the first milliner; Mrs. O. P. Whitson, Mrs. W. W. Lawler, Mrs. Andrew Montross and others.

Dress Makers: Mrs. Morrison, Venia Baker, Emma Troger, Nettie Roller and others.

Lumber Yard: Mayne Bros., O. M. Worrell, Hawkeye Lumber Co., W. E. Stump.

Present Lumber Yard: At the present time, Home Lumber Co., which has been in business forty-one years.

Bruce Warner is Manager.

Cobblers: In early days shoes, boots were made to order. Early cobblers were J. E. Morrison, Benejah Mason, A. S. Mason, Tom Erwin, Al Morrison.

Leather Goods: Jesse Mason, J. H. Mahannah, G. L. Mahannah.

First Blacksmith: H. A. Fluckey, W. H. Barr, Hanford & Morrison, Frank Harding, Edd Harber.

Present Blacksmith: Roy Cox & Son, L. L. Kackley & Son

Hotels: M. D. Phelps, Watson & Wilson, Eli Smith, Bill Mason, Wm. Hannon, Mrs. Carrie Van Fleet, Zimmerman, Mrs. Geo. Mahannah, Donald Swink and others. The first hotel in the new town is now a rest home for the aged operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lacock.

First Restaurants: J. W. Wilson, John Stall, W. W. Lawler, Homer Eoyd, Rue Carmichael, Nicola, Lowell Churchill, Kenneth Lockridge, Don Coffman, Agnews, and others.

Present Restaurants: Roy Harris, Roy Hall, Floyd Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Art Thomas.

First Dentist: P. W. MacElwain, Mrs. Ina Harter, 1892—, C. W. Foster, Dr. Krief, Dr. Kalen, Dr. Mumm, John Kelley.

Present Dentist: Dr. A. C. Schoenthaler who has been in business thirty-five years.

Meat Market: Rugg & Smelser, Ben Arther, Jake Smith, Elmor Miller and others.

Railroad: The first railroad and depot agents were N. D. Towers, P. H. Fluck.

Present Railroad Agent: Glenn Martin.

Factories: In 1856 E. J. Smith established a brick and tile factory, working eight men, and they molded 150,000 bricks the first year. Smith's garage occupies a part of the grounds of the old brick and tile factory. In later years a curtain pole factory was operated by the Harrington's in the old opera house on the west side of Main Street. Montgomery's operated a canning factory south of the Milwaukee tracks in later years.

First Lawyers: Walter Wilson, first lawyer; Frank James, C. B. Leonard, C. E. Bripon, J. D. Butler, J. L. Swift, Maurice Nathanson, Chas. Crawley.

Present Lawyers: C. R. Off, who has been in business 42 years, David Evans for 10 years, and Harold W. Swift for 20 years (the Swifts have had an office here since 1907).

First Jewelers: James Dowding was

the first jeweler; he occupied a room in the post office building in the old town. Later years Nicol & Post, C. G. Post, Ben Mason.

Present Jeweler: George Butler, who succeeded his uncle, C. G. Post, deceased.

First Produce: First produce business was started in 1890 by T. H. Magoon. He was succeeded by his sons, George and Hank who were in business about thirty years.

Present Produce: Homer Kirkpatrick & Son, Harold Walters & Son, Bill & Mike Hester, are buyers of poultry, eggs and cream.

Livery and Feed Stable: Eli Smith, Summit Bros., J. B. Carter, Pollock & Whitmore, and Bill Hall.

First Carpenters: M. G. Shanks & Son, J. A. Lockridge, Bill Wiemer, Mr. Bender, Andrew Montross, John Lockridge, Ernest Bremer, Roy Simmons, Roy Glandon, Les Roller, and others.

Present Carpenters: Harold Bucher, Elvin Holeton & Son, R. L. Cheney.

Bridge Builder: W. H. Roller.
Plasterers & Brick Masons: Wetherell Bros., Julian and George Netterfee, Harry Phelps and others.

Painters & Paper Hangers: R. B. Reed, Frank Mutchler, Ernest Green, Boyd Shanks, Ray & Todd Ellett, Forrest Shanks and others.

Stock & Grain Buyers: Perry Whitson, Smith, Lutton & Roller, Adam Greenlee, W. W. Boland, Frank Mullin.

First Banks: The Citizens Savings Bank was the first bank in North English. It was opened in 1889. E. D. Baird was cashier, Lydia Baird assistant. The Citizens Savings Bank, now the Farmer's Savings Bank, was opened in 1897. George Swain was cashier; Bentley Brown, assistant.

Present Bank: The Farmer's Savings Bank at the present time is managed by Russell Ferris; he has been in the bank forty-one years. Marie Casady, Pauline Humphrey, Helen Hervey, Betty Claypool, and Mrs. Winchell are the assistants; Eva Wallace and Mary Alice Carter are part time assistants.

UNBELIEVABLE....

After seven months of preparing for the Centennial we had three days of the most terrific celebration you ever saw. There's no use trying to put it into words. If you were here you know how great it was — if you weren't here you wouldn't believe us anyhow.

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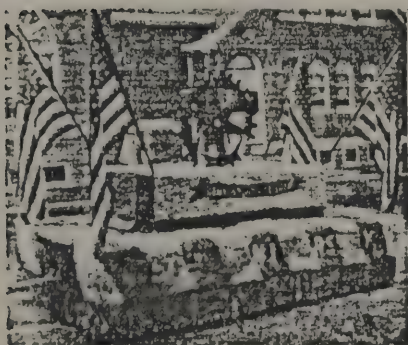
The Centennial publicity committee planned their schedules over early morning breakfasts. Members from left: Bertilla Hogendorn, John L. McCurdy, Laddie Van Dyke ; Carl Hogendorn.



Ward Montross must have been found guilty by the Kangaroo Court for the photographer caught him climbing from the water tank--dripping wet!!!



This old-fashioned steam engine attracted much interest during the Parade; it was the entry of Graham Hardware. Nearly 30,000 persons saw the parade, of which Milo "Shibe" Lockridge did a wonderful job as chairman. State patrolmen gave up in despair saying it was the largest parade crowd they had ever attempted to handle. Woman at extreme left in picture is Mrs. Dean "Barney" Thomas.



The Rotary Club float was a thing of beauty and was awarded a prize in the organizational division.



Janet Van Auken, in Centennial garb is "shot" while looking for things to "shoot".



Lunch stands on the grounds were busy places--even Rev. P.V. Duggan had to pitch in and help at the Catholic Church stand.

Ernest Dye

BARBER SHOP

May we have the pleasure of serving you during the coming years, just as this shop has served you for the past 49 years.

We Want You To Know We
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HAIR CUTS - SHAVING - SHAMPOOS
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We Have Been Serving You
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In the Future As In the Past.

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HERE SINCE 1931 - AND WE THINK IT RANKS
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— Just As We Believe the Town of North English Ranks With the
Best - - and We Are Indeed Happy to Be a Part of This Wonderful
Community.

"NATURALLY - - IT'S BETTER WITH BUTTER!"

English Valleys' Co-op Creamery

E. M. HOLDEN, President

GEO. GILMORE, Manager

O. O. FAAS, Secretary

BUSINESS MEN AND WOMEN IN THE YEAR 1954

The complete list of businesses in North English at the time of the Centennial (August 1954) is given below. No doubt, ten years from now this list will be 30 to 50 percent changed:

INSURANCE

Erwin Lortz
Wm. J. Coffman
George J. Wine
North English Insurance Agency

SHOE REPAIR

Denison Shoe Repair

SERVICE STATIONS

Reed 66 Oil
Von's Service
Uroil Company
Neoco Oil

THEATRE

Orpheum Theatre

READY-TO-WEAR AND GENERAL MERCHANDISE

The Fair Store

JEWELER - WATCHMAKER

George P. Butler

LIGHT & POWER

Iowa Electric—Bob Jones

LOCKER SERVICE

Johnson's Ice Cream

MEN'S & BOYS CLOTHING AND SHOES

Carson and Gardner

NURSING HOME

Lacock Rest Home

PLUMBING-HEATING

George Neff

POST OFFICE

George M. Smith, Postmaster

PRINTING

North English Record

PRODUCE

Farmers Implement & Produce

APPLIANCES

O. D. Hall Appliance

ATTORNEYS

David B. Evans
Clarence E. Off
Harold W. Swift

TRUCKING

C. F. Ranion
Wayne Wade and Sons
Mace and Leona Humphreys.

SEED CORN

L. B. Churchill
Everette Lortz
Dean (Swede) Smith

HARDWARES

Graham Hardware
Miller Hardware
Western Auto
Milo Lockridge Hardware

IMPLEMENT DEALERS

Jordan and Osweller

BARBER SHOP

Dye Barber Shop

BANK

Farmers Savings Bank

COAL

Merle Smith Coal Service
Gean Smith Coal Co.

BEAUTY PARLORS

Edythe Brooke
Mabel Pine

BUILDING CONTRACTORS

Harold Bucher
Richard Cheney
J. E. Heleton

BUILDING MATERIALS

Home Lumber Company

CAFES

Brown's Cafe
Harris Cafe
Art Thomas Maid-Rite
Roy and Lona's Cafe

CLEANERS

North English Cleaners

CREAMERY

English Valleys' Coop.

SALVAGE YARDS

Chas. Ritchie Salvage

DAIRY

SunRay Dairy

TANK WAGONS

Cliff Cox
John Donahoe
Al Smith and Son
Bob Hanchett
Glenn Reed.

REAL ESTATE

L. D. Yoss
Joe Yoss

SALE BARN

North English Sales Co

VETERINARY

Frank Merts

BODY REPAIRING

R. T. Coxo and Son

DENTIST

A. C. Schoenthaler

DEPOT

The Milwaukee Road

DOCTORS

Miller & Miller

CHIROPRACTOR

Dr. Jay D. Roller

DRUG STORE

Noel's Pharmacy

ELECTRIC SHOP

Oliver Electric

FEED AND SEEDS

Kirkpatrick Produce
Plank Feed Store
Hester's Farm Service

FURNITURE - APPLIANCES

Mahannah's.

FUNERAL HOME

Mahannah's.

GARAGES

Smith Coal Sales & Garage
Van Fleet and Son
Van Motor Co.
Harry Hudson

BLACKSMITHING

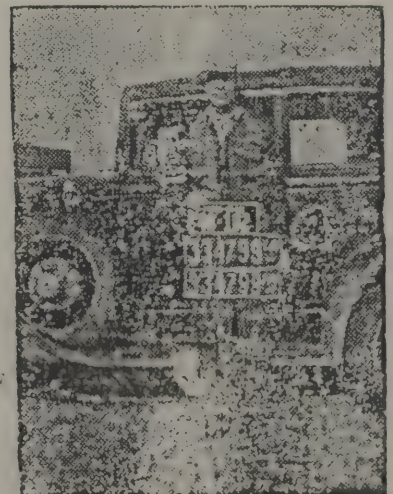
Gayle Keckley

GENERAL REPAIR

Earl Denison

GROCERY STORES

Morgan's U-Save
North English Clover Farm
The Fair Store



Henry Weber, for years, had a hobby of saving old auto license plates. He is shown here holding some 1917 plates he had for his Model T.

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NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA

LIBRARY OPENED IN 1934



Mrs. Belle Carson - Our First Librarian.

When, early in 1934, Mrs. Alice DeSpain, Iowa County's Superintendent of Schools, found herself with public funds to be spent as she saw fit, for the betterment of the most people, she thought she couldn't go wrong in establishing libraries in the towns of Iowa County, other than Marengo, its county seat. Marengo, alone, had a public library, a tax-supported library in a building that was the gift of Andrew Carnegie.

A meeting was held in the town hall one winter's night, to determine the interest in a local library felt by local citizens. The attendance at this meeting was good, the interest in a local library was definitely manifested, and officers were elected by those in attendance, a good-sized, representative group of townspeople. Officers elected at this meeting and the positions held after organizing was completed were: Mrs. W. C. Carson, Chm. of Board; Mrs. A. C. Schoenthaler, Secy.; Mrs. E. B. Warner, Chm. of Book Committee; F. C. Allen, Mrs. Donald Gibbens, Melvin McCurdy (Supt. of

Schools); Father P. J. Ryan, and Mrs. C. R. Off, Chm. of Finance.

Miss Angelina Walsh of Parnell was Mrs. DeSpain's assistant throughout this project, her work being paid for by FERA funds. Together, Mrs. DeSpain and Miss Walsh canvassed the business houses for cash contributions for necessary cash expenditures, and a house-to-house canvass was made for books to be given outright, or loaned for three months, six months, or a year. The various women of the town met to prepare these books for circulation.

Several places were offered for housing and operating this project but the balcony of the Carson Clothing Store seemed to offer the most advantages and the fewest disadvantages for year-round occupancy.

The Library was opened on March 10, 1934 with 618 books given outright, and 147 books loaned to the Library. From the beginning, the use of the books was free to all individuals who desired to read.

In the 20 years of operation, 448

books have been on the Rental Shelf by purchase, and 469 have been loaned to the Rental Shelf without cost to the Library.

When it became evident that the Library was filling a real need in the community and was a going concern, the town council, having been approached by members of the Library Board, granted funds for library support through a tax levy.

In the winter of 1938 the Library was moved from the Carson Store Balcony to its present location on Main Street, and in this building the Town Council, the Board of Education, and various other groups hold meetings.

Mrs. Carson was Chairman of the Board continuously until a short time before her death in 1954. Since then Mrs. A. L. Kirkham has this position. There have been some changes in the list of board members through the years, but several of the original board still remain. On the board now are the following: Mrs. A. L. Kirkham, Chm., Mrs. David Evans, Mrs. O. D. Hall, Mrs. Minnie Warner, F. C. Allen, Mrs. C. R. Off and Mrs. E. B. Warner. Supt. E. E. Andrews is an adviser who assists actively in the yearly plans of the library.

Mrs. Milo Stover, who has been at the desk for twelve years, will help you pleasantly and efficiently.

Civil War Vet and Bride



Above is the wedding picture of Ben Swope, a Civil war veteran, and Laura McKinstry. Mrs. Swope died during the past year at the age of 102 years.

The Pioneers Settled North English - - But The Auto Developed It!



Standing: Mrs. Charles Van Fleet, Everette Van Fleet, Charles Van Fleet, Mrs. E. L. Van Fleet. Seated: E. L. Van Fleet holding granddaughter, Carolyn.

Yes, it took the automobile age to develop this community. Progress was slow and tedious, hours were long and work was hard until the automobile came.

And through much of this auto age, we have been serving North English car owners.

Through the years we have endeavored to give you the best in automotive service.

VAN FLEET Garage

"PAPPY" VAN FLEET

CHARLES VAN FLEET

Phone 181 - North English

Horse and Buggy Days Are Gone



Ed O'Brien drives the team pulling the Sale Barn float in the parade. Seated at his right are Mrs. O'Brien and son, Bob. Standing behind Ed, are R. G. Litzenberg and Fred Bower.

We know nothing of cooking meals over an open fireplace, hunting turkeys on the open prairie, shoeing horses, plowing with a team of oxen, building log cabins, or many of the other things that were common in pioneer days - - -

**BUT WE DO KNOW
THAT OUR FINE, MODERN
SALES PAVILION IS A
GOOD PLACE TO
BUY AND SELL.**

**SALE EVERY
TUESDAY**

North English Sales Pavilion

Ed O'Brien

Fred Bower

R. G. Litzenberg



An early photo of Frank C. Allen, druggist here from 1912 to 1953.



Two North English teams take the field for "old-timers" ball game in Cedar Rapids stadium. Over 500 N.E. fans attended it.



Maypole dance on North English school grounds. (about 1910) This used to be a big school event each May.



Donald Dixon

In case you don't recognize them, Wayne McArter and Bob Hanchett.



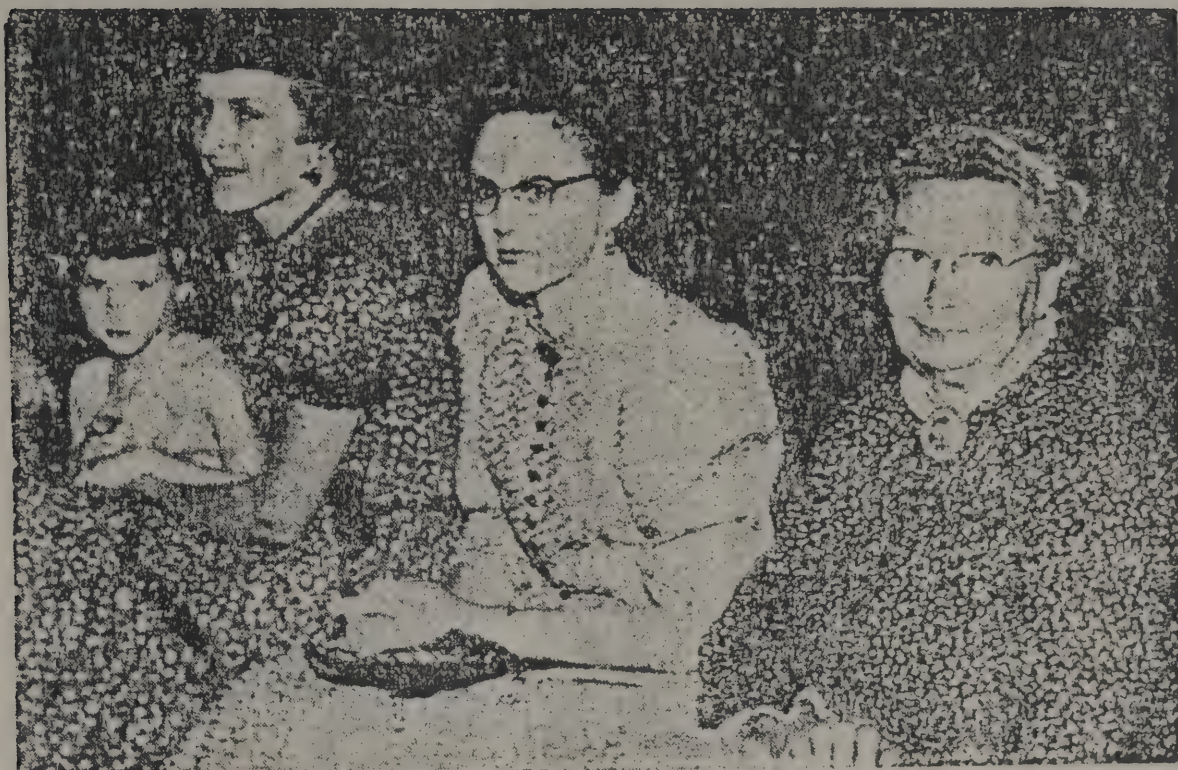
Stoner Hybrid's Parade Entry



Theodore Van Auken locks Gladys Lockridge and Jim Johnston in stocks for punishment at the Kangaroo Court.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gardner Notice the display of bells owned by Truman Faas, in store window.



SISTERS OF THE SWISH —Three "Sisters of the Swish" dressed in their Centennial costumes were photographed as they watched the whisker judging at Friday night's program. Left to right they are: Mrs. Glenn Reed and Kay, Mrs. Arnold Bair and Mrs. Will Harris, all of North English.



Pictured above are the ovens and drying yard at the Cheney brick yard, which flourished north of town for many years. Notice the different contours of the drying bricks. People in the picture are, left to right: Raymond Stoner, Fred Chapman, Bert Cheney, Cora Voelkel, Matt Murrin, Elmer Cheney and Homer Cheney, the owner:

OUR HATS OFF TO THE PAST

in salute to the sturdy pioneers who established this wonderful town 100 years ago.

OUR COATS OFF TO THE FUTURE

as a pledge of even greater efforts to serve you better in the years to come.

North English Grocery

-: Phone 177 -:

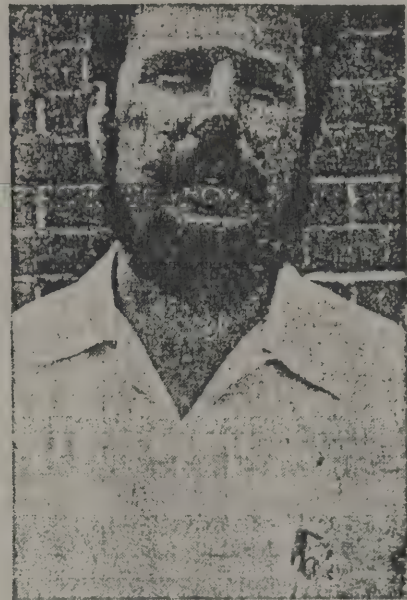
ELDON AND OPAL BEORKREM

DR. FRANK MERTZ

VETERINARIAN

PHONE 90

NORTH ENGLISH



DR. FRANK MERTZ

WE WEREN'T HERE 100 YEARS AGO
But We Are Here Today
READY TO BE OF SERVICE TO YOU!



WARD MONTROSS

THE EARLY PIONEERS HAD THEIR TROUBLES

Today we are inclined to think that we have all the troubles possible in the purchasing of feeds, supplies of all sorts — but compared to the early pioneers we are really sitting in clover.

When you realize the problems, the methods of transportation, no phones, radios or telegraph; no autos, trains, tractors, and very little machinery of any sort, it was truly a most difficult period.

Today we enjoy so many advantages that we hardly appreciate them. We have commercial feeds that produce faster gains more economically. Fertilizer to build back our soil for greater profit in our farm crops.

We are here to serve the farmers of this community at all times. Our business has been built on fair dealings to all — complete satisfaction or we are not satisfied.

F. Plank Seed Co.

PHONE 135

NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA

FEED -: SEED -: FENCING

Ward Montross

Amy Van Dyke

Bruce Wilson

NORTH ENGLISH IS PROUD OF SCHOOL HISTORY

North English takes great pride in her schools. The first building was a one-room building located on a hill where Mrs. Minnie Roller now resides east of the cemetery. Charles Lutton was the first teacher.

Later a two-room building was built west of the Christian Church. John Sparks and Susan Rhodes were the first teachers. In 1886 an additional two rooms were added, the school was graded, and a course of study adopted. Clarence McCracken was principal, assisted by Mrs. J. D. Butler, Allie Thomas, and Dora McCracken.

In 1894 the grade building, a frame structure was erected at a cost of \$10,000. C. E. Fleming was the first superintendent. This building is still in use.

In 1912 the high school brick building was built at a cost of \$25,000. G. A. Yoakum was superintendent at this time.

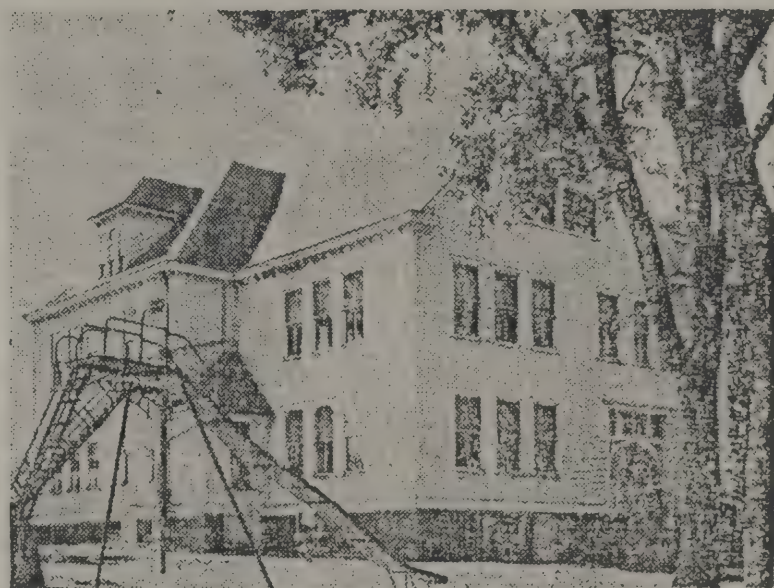
The gymnasium was built in 1940; Melvin McCurdy was superintendent.

In 1953 a much needed grade building due to larger enrollments, was built at a cost of \$85,000. It was finished and occupied in April 1954.

E. E. Andrews is superintendent at the present time, coming to North English in 1946. The new grade building combines architectural and modernistic beauty with all the latest ideas in modern construction.



New Elementary Building — Completed In Centennial Year 1954



Old Grade Building — Completed In 1896 At Cost of \$10,000.00



North English High School — Completed In 1912



E. E. ANDREWS
Superintendent of Schools



Patriotic float of service organization.

Pageant scene presented by the "Ladies In Blue"



Christian Church pageant scene. Walter Casady, Larry Faas and Orval Kolosik are at left.



Three white sisters, Leslie, Honore, and Denise Hogendorn make friends with their red sisters.



Frontiersman Floyd Brown

PET AND DOLL PARADE



CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Christian Church Was Organized Here In August of 1856

The Christian Church is the oldest established church in the town of North English.

William Springer and Elisha Scott came to the community and preached for the people. The Eddie Hall home west of town, where the John Feldaverds now reside and the Chaney Clothier home northeast of town, now the Marl Wallace farm, were used for church meeting places. The Christian church was organized on August 3, 1856. The people grew in number and had hopes of a permanent house of worship.

First Church Building

The first building was a brick structure 23 by 39 feet built on the present site in 1860 at a cost of \$400.00. The bricks were made by hand by E. J. Smith, north of town on Gritter creek.

The timbers were sawed at a mill located west of town. Donations of wheat and other produce was hauled to Iowa City and Washington, where it was sold and window glass, nails and other building materials, which could not be made at home, were purchased.

The first seats were slabs of wood, and after a few years the seats were of wood planks and these were painted. When the building was completed William Springer and Elisha Scott conducted a revival meeting and this resulted in many confessions and gave impetus to the new church.

The descendants of these good people are among the membership at the present time.

In this little brick church there were two entrances, one on either side of the pulpit, one for the men and one for the women. The men sat on the north side, and the women on the south side. This rule was strictly adhered to except that when a boy brought his best girl to church, he was expected to sit with her.

The seating was limited and sometimes it became necessary to take the spring seats from the wagons into the church to accommodate the congregation.

Some Other Firsts

Mrs. Roy Leeds organized the first Dorcas Society in 1922. The purpose of the organization was to assist in every good work of the church.

In the reorganization of the women's work, the missionary Society and the Dorcas Circle were united into one organization in 1950, the Christian Women's Fellowship. The C. W. F. is composed of four circles which meet the first Tuesday of each month. The general meeting is held at the church on the third Tuesday of each month.

The early singing schools were conducted by Peter and John Rhodes, Bell and Mary Wilson, Mrs. Doctor Cameron and C. D. Mahannah.

The first musical instrument, an organ, was purchased for the church in 1887. The first piano was purchased in 1911.

The idea had been prevalent that the minister should dress so

he could be designated from the other professions. This was not true with the preacher in the old brick church. We refer to Locke Williams, who stood in the pulpit in bare feet, trousers rolled up, preaching the gospel with power.

The first brick church was replaced with a new frame building 32 by 48 feet, in 1889, at a cost of \$2,000.00. In 1901 the building was papered, carpeted and a furnace was installed. The pulpit was changed from the east to the north side and a baptistry was placed beneath it. The old brick building was torn down June 1, 1889 and the new frame church was dedicated December 22, 1889.

New Church - 1910

The congregation outgrew the frame building. In 1910 the present brick building was erected at a cost of \$10,045.00. The frame building was torn down in August, 1910 and the new building was dedicated on April 9, 1911. The pastor of the church at the time of the building program was Rev. Frank W. Sutton, now residing in Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

Willing Workers

We now take a new thread of history. There is nothing in the life of the church that is so vital as the church school. Many of the new members of the congregation and leaders of the church came from the Bible classes, thus the influence of devoted and consecrated leaders is beyond measure. In reflecting on the past many willing workers come to mind. Among them are Lydia Magoon, I. P. Smith, C. D. Mahannah, Lillie Thomas, Ida Ferris who at the age of 89 is still teaching the adult ladies class and there are many others who will be remembered.

When we think of the great army of workers who have served as teachers, elders, deacons and in other places of leadership there comes to mind the many who have gone out to serve, including the many ministers and other christian workers.

Stanley Mahannah, Dean Mason, Wilfred Lown, Frederick Sears, James Cheney and Ivan Riess are among these minister who received their early Bible training in the Christian church at North English and are in the ministry at the

present time. Women who have attended this church and are now married to men that are serving in the ministry are Bertha Magoon Stairs, Winifred Campbell Sutton, Mattie Swope Molloy, Florence Sheets Sinderson, Viola Stairs Terrell, Irene Smith Hudson, Grace Hudson Mahannah and Mary Stella White Frye.

Earlier ministers from the church were George Welmer, Ben Norris, Mr. Lindsay and Walter Atheran.

The first ministers were laymen. They were Chancey Clothier, Elisha Scott, William Springer, L. C. Wilson, G. T. Johnson and Locke Williams.

The first paid minister was W. M. Eckerman, who began to serve the congregation in 1875 and continued for nine years. (See list of minister in the above paragraph).

Present Day

The church, under the leadership of Milton Hollingshead conducted a visitation evangelism program in 1951 which resulted in over 100 additions to the membership of the church. The present membership of the church is 362.



REV. JOHN L. MCCURDY
Pastor Christian Church

The church school is graded and well organized with very capable workers. The youth program is organized under the plan of Christian Youth Fellowship for the high school youth and Chi Rho for the junior high young people.

During the past five years the parsonage and the church build-

ing have undergone some remodeling. The improvements include new kitchen cupboards, the lowering of the platform in the sanctuary, new stoves and refrigerator for the kitchens, new furnace, redecorating the basement and chapel, a new velvet drape at the baptistry, birch paneling in the choir loft and platform, carpeting of the floor of the platform and new pulpit furniture. Plans call for work to be done such as painting the sanctuary and laying of new church steps.

The future progress depends upon our faith in God, our willingness to work and our cooperation in that work and our prayers to carry on that which our fathers began a century ago.

Chancey Clothier	Layman
Elisha Scott	Layman
William G. Springer	Layman
G. T. Johnson	Layman
John L. Williams	Layman
William Eckerman	1875
Allen Hickey	1884
B. M. Scott	1886
E. S. Athearn	1887
T. L. Reed	1889-90
A. Rich	1891
P. D. Gray	1892
D. A. Shaw	1893
C. C. Deweese	1896
C. H. Mattox	1898
S. P. Telford	1901
B. H. Coonradt	1904
Guy E. Wingate	(Six months on account of health)
L. F. Davis	1905
J. C. Hanna	1906-09
Frank W. Sutton	1909
R. B. Hyten	1917
J. B. Dalton	1920
R. C. Leeds	1921
L. R. Norton	1924
Ben Sinderson (Student)	1926
Morris L. Bailey	1926
Charles Railsback (Student)	1927
R. W. Fillmore	1929
L. R. Hudson	1933
R. F. Allen	1936
Robert Burns	1938
Harold Reel	January 1, 1941 to March 19, 1944
Floyd W. Frye	June 1, 1944 to August, 1945
A. A. Burr	December 1945 to May 26, 1946
Albert Billingsley	Sept. 22, 1946 to January 25, 1948
P. H. Peterson	August 15, 1948 to August 20, 1950
W. M. Depolster	(ad interim)

Milton F. Hollingshead May 20, 1951 to May 15, 1952
John L. McCurdy Sept. 1, 1952

Early Communicants of Methodist Church Met In 'Soaptown' Homes

"The History of Iowa County" entered and published in 1881 states: "Representatives of the Methodist Church were the religious pioneers of Iowa County, as they also were of nearly all the country west of the Mississippi." As early as 1846, the year Iowa achieved statehood, a circuit-riding minister named Twining was making regular visits to the scattered settlements in Iowa County.

By 1850, the year after the California gold rush, a small group of communicants of the Methodist Episcopal church was meeting for worship in private homes in the village then known as Soaptown, the village which by 1855 had been platted and had become Nevada, and still later became North English.



REV. C. E. MCPHERSON
Pastor Methodist Church

When a church was built at White Pigeon in Keokuk County, a few miles southwest, the Soaptown Methodists joined with the larger group in the larger village of White Pigeon. In 1863 there were 34 members. These were Civil War years, and for some reason, possibly large army enlistments, the number was reduced to 14 by 1865; or, this apparent dwindling may have been due to a breaking-up of the White Pigeon group, the 14 belonging to the North English community withdrawing thereto, or it

METHODIST CHURCH



might have been a plain case of backsliding. Among the 14 "survivors" was W. A. Thomas, father of Will J. Thomas.

In the church records of 1865 there appears for the first time a pastor's name, that of Fred Ward.

Family records show that in 1866 the Reverend George W. Friend came to Millersburg and resided there, serving as pastor for two years, the full time allotted to any minister by the Conference at that time. The Reverend Friend was the grandfather of Mrs. Ernest Bremer, and greatgrandfather of the Reverend Harold Bremer.

Another minister commonly known as "Red" Smith enters the record here as the North English pastor, a minister with strong evangelistic leanings and abilities, evidently, for in 1866 came a great religious revival with 154 conversions.

Aroused religious fervor and the need of a larger audience room led to the building of the first church that same year, a church that eventually became a barn on the Clifford Cox property on the north edge of the

present town.

John Davis, a pastor who came in '77, lived in Webster and also served both South and North English.

In 1889 the Reverend George B. Swartz came to Millersburg, serving also North English.

The church built in 1866 was becoming inadequate to the size and needs of the congregations of the late 80's, and a new church had been talked of for some time. G. B. Swartz proceeded to "put first things first" in this fashion: He reasoned that North English need not build a new church until it had a resident pastor; it could not hope to have a resident pastor until it had a parsonage; therefore the real need was for a parsonage, and the success of this project would be assured if sponsored by the women of the church.

As a first step, then, on February 13, 1890, the Reverend Swartz organized "The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of North English," a society to which "Any female of good moral character" could belong. 51 "females" became charter members, and more joined later.

On September 10, 1890, this new society voted to pay the Parsonage Building Committee the sum of \$50.00 and "to allow Reverend Swartz 50c per window for procuring blinds for parsonage." In line with the long-range planning, the parsonage was located nearly three blocks from the church, and, in its flat-roofed, three-storied, bulky magnificence must have been pointed to with pride by its builders. Needless to say, the Swartz family became the first occupants of the new parsonage, and the Reverend Swartz the town's first resident Methodist pastor.

The Reverend J. R. Payne came in 1896. In the interim J. F. Barnett and C. R. Zimmerman were pastors; "hard-times," the incorporation of the town in 1892 and the building of a new school house in 1894 monopolized public attention and private funds. But the Ladies' Aid Society kept its eye on the goal, and early in 1894 paid \$50.00 on the four lots chosen for the new church site, lots strategically located with reference to the Old and the New town, and almost beside the new parsonage, fronting on the same street. On August 12, 1897, this Society voted \$96.00 for a first payment on the new church which was to become an actuality by dint of sacrificial giving by the members, and donations by business men, many of whom were communicants of other churches.

Dedication of the new church (still in use) occurred on November 28, 1897; 600 people attended this service and the same number came back for the evening service.

Perhaps Conference rules were changed at this time, or possibly the Reverend Payne was allowed to stay an extra year to enjoy the fruits of his labor, the new church building. Certain it is that he stayed three years, followed in 1899 by W. C. Chew, who was succeeded in 1901 by Richard Breeden.

List of resident pastors in North English: G. B. Swartz, 1891-92; Chas. Barnett, 1892-94; C. R. Zimmerman, 1894-96; J. R. Payne, 1896-99; W. C. Chew, 1899-1901; Richard Breeden, 1901-03; W. J. Pyle, 1903-06; E. C. Brooks, 1906-09; J. E. Corley, 1909-11; H. W. Munster, 1911-14; J. P. Hehner, 1914-17; J. H. Krenmyre, 1917-22; J. A. Moorman, 1922-23; J. A. Wilson, 1923-26; F. J. Robins, 1926-28; G. W. Baker, 1928-29; J. A. Worrell, 1929-31; M. D. Cox, 1931-33; E. L. Bellows, 1933-35; Geo. C. Pennington, 1935-38; Forest B. Heb-

1942-43: O. C. Ellis, 1943-44; C. S. Dewey, 1944-45; Glenn Parrott, 1945-1950; Walter Sieck, 1950-53; Louis Joslin, 1953-54; Clarence E. McPheerson, 1954—.

St. Joseph Catholic Church Was Built Forty-eight Years Ago

St. Joseph Catholic Parish was established and the Church built about 1906. It was then attended by the Armah priests, Revs. Jos. McCarville, Joseph O'Donnell, a World War I chaplain, and M. W. Kissane until 1916, except for a short period with Rev. Martin Loftus residing at North English and taking care of the parish with Millersburg as mission.

In 1916 Father Kissane moved to North English from Armah to the present rectory which was built when the one at Armah burned. Since then the priests have lived at North English taking care of the parish with Armah and Millersburg as missions



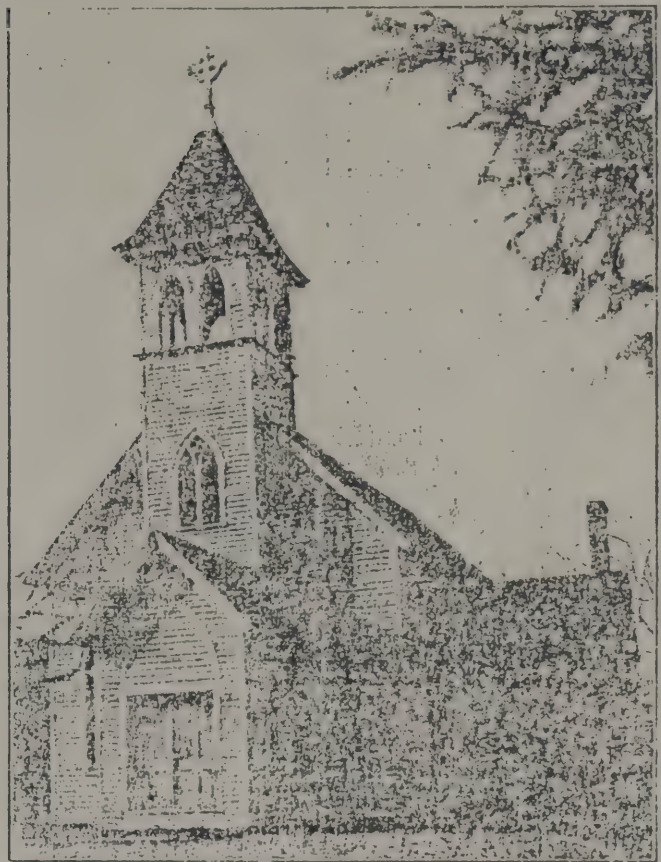
REV. P. V. DUGGAN
Pastor St. Joseph's Church

The following priests have been in charge of St. Joseph parish succeeding Father Kissane: Revs. Stephen Davis, J. J. O'Sullivan, John Coughlan, James Brady, Patrick Ryan, V. A. Walsh and P. V. Duggan.

Father Ryan who was in charge from 1929 to 1937 was chaplain in the army in World War I and served overseas. Father Walsh who succeeded Father Ryan left North English in 1943 to serve as chaplain in the Navy in World War II.

When the church was built it was to accommodate about six families, but at the present time there are fifty families represented among the town, business and rural population.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



An Early Photo.

The church was newly painted and decorated last fall. That with many improvements made on the church and his parishioners in the ten years and rectory are visible signs of the warm bond of friendship and co-operation existing between Father Duggan and he has been here.

FORMER BRETHREN CHURCH



The Church of the Brethren (pictured here) flourished for many years. Finally, many memberships were transferred to the English River and Pleasant Grove churches of that denomination. Eventually, the building was sold to Ellsworth Van Fleet and today it houses the Van Fleet Garage.

CENTENNIAL BABY

The North English Centennial Celebration was complete and successful when a new baby girl—MISS 1954—was born in the midst of the parade to send our town on its way into its second hundred years.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Stanley of Delta left home early Saturday morning to come to the Miller clinic here for the birth of their baby. As they neared North English they were caught in the parade-bound traffic and ended up parked in the back yard at the R. S. Ferris home.

Mr. Ferris was promptly told that unless he wanted to be Dr. Ferris he'd better figure out some way to get Mrs. Stanley to Dr. Miller's office—four blocks away.

Well, as usual, Russell yelled for Myrtle — and in short order she had things moving.

The Stanleys, escorted by a highway patrolman, finally arrived at the Miller clinic where little Nancy Lee Stanley was born amid the hub-bub of a Centennial parade.

Here's hoping that on August 7, 2054 Nancy Lee will be here on her 100th birthday to help North English observe her 200th.

PRAISE FROM THOS. MARTIN

To the Citizens of
North English, Iowa:

I extend my sincerest congratulations to North English on the occasion of your centennial celebration marking 100 years of progress in the heart of Iowa.

North English has established an outstanding record for friendly hospitality as well as for vigorous development of a sound economy and, above all, North English has made an outstanding contribution to community, state, and national leadership.

I have been especially proud to have the honor of representing you in Congress for the past 16 years throughout which time your record has been maintained with marked success.

More power to you in the years ahead!

Sincerely yours,
THOS. E. MARTIN, M. C.



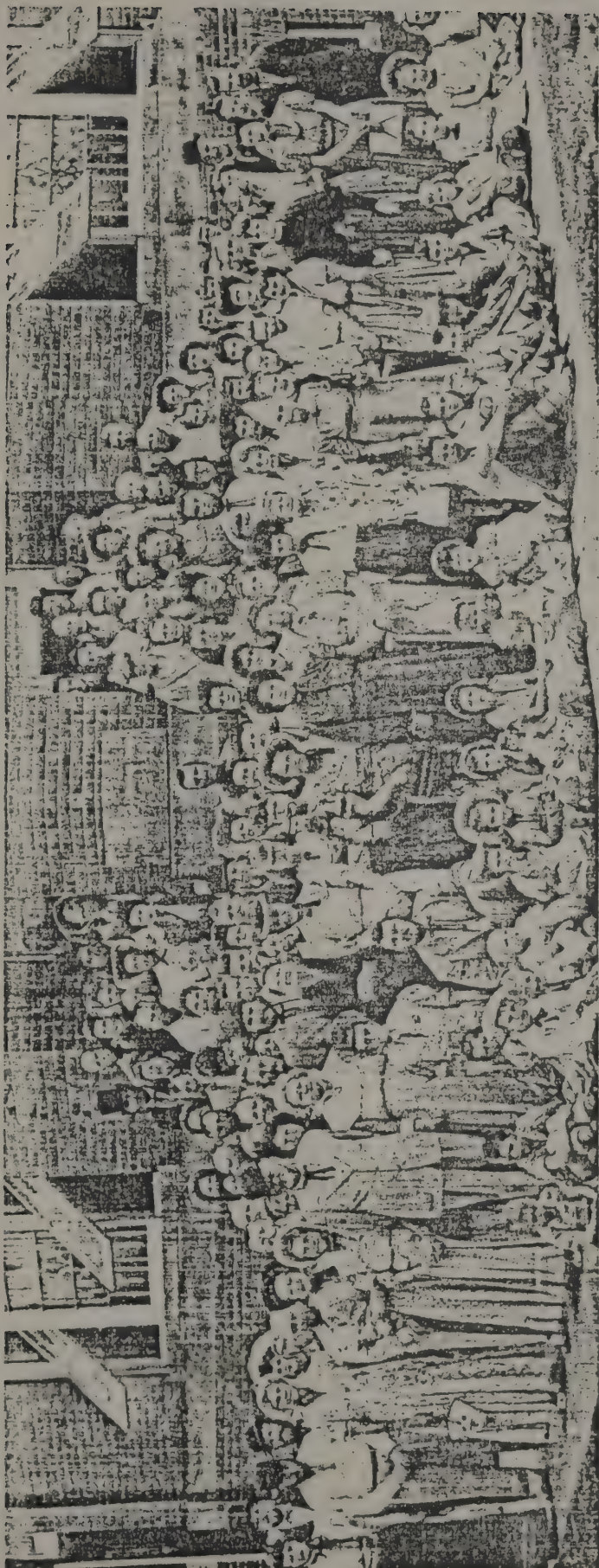
Milo (Shibe) Lockridge (left), hardware dealer, shows Carl L. Hogendorn, a cabinetmaker's plane plow which his great-grandfather James A. Lockridge, an early settler here, used in 1846. It was part of a collection of well-preserved tools used by the Lockridge family more than 100 years. Many local business houses had wonderful displays of such antiques and pictures which delighted many thousands of visitors.

HORSE AND BUGGY DOCTOR

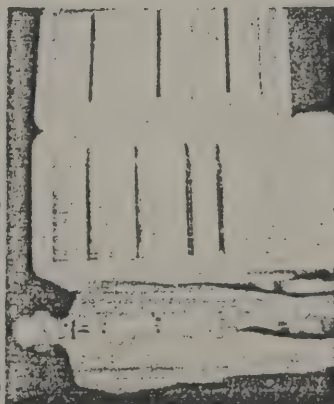
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In early days, bad roads, especially during the spring and winter months, made traveling very difficult. The doctors usually rode horse-back or drove horses and buggies to visit the sick. Early doctors were: A. T. Doll, I. I. Nicol, S. B. Green, J. W. Collins, James Campbell, Dr. Newsome, N. P. Hardeman, Drs. Baughman,

Atheran, J. R. Coxe. Dr. Coxe was assisted by his wife, M. Etta Coxe. In Pioneer Recollections appears a picture of Mrs. Coxe and a group of the 872 babies which she brought into the world. In 1898 B. Harrington came to North English; H. J. Jones, 1905; Dr. U. S. Geiger and Dr. J. C. Ross. Drs. L. A. Miller Sr & Jr., M.D.'s, are physicians at the present time.



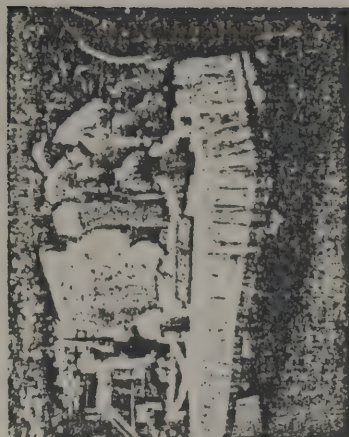
The Christian Church congregation posed for this group picture on Sunday morning, August 1, following services. All are wearing their Centennial garb, including the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. John L. McCurdy (far right) standing. Photo was taken by Noel Montz.



Glen Bucher was winner of the Amana deep freeze



Judges of the Pet and Doll parade:
Rev. C.E. McPherson
Rev. John McCurdy
Rev. P. V. Duggan



Parade entry of Maplecreek Farms, driven by Joe Vitt

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEES

The following persons served on the various committees for the Centennial, and had a big part in making the event successful:

Executive Committee—

R. S. Ferris, General Chairman
E. E. Andrews, Co-Chairman.
Milo Lockridge
Cleo Hall.
Carl L. Hogendorn

Finance Committee

R. S. Ferris, Chairman
T. W. Van Auken and Bruce N. Warner—North end of Main St.
Charles Gardner and Al Johnson—East side.
J. B. Ross and Ward Montross—West side.

Barney Morgan and Carl L. Hogendorn—South end of Main St.

Entertainment—

Jack Ross, Chairman
Bill Walters, Co-Chairman
Carl Noel
Charles Gardner
John Donahoe
Barney Morgan
Lewis Miller
Al Brainard

Fireworks—

Dean Smith, Chairman
Al Smith

Parade Committee—

Milo Lockridge, Chairman
Clifford Cox
Harold Riess
Renaud Butler
Dean Best
Jack Lockridge
Joe Vitt
Walter Casady
Dale Bell
Arnold J. Bair
David Mullin
Vernon Jansen
Lyle Van Auken
Milo Stover
Cleo Hall
Jewell Harriman.

Whiskers and Dress—

T. W. Van Auken, Chairman
Clifford Cox
Ward Montross
Roy Harris
George Gilmore
George Neff
Al Johnson

Publicity—

John L. McCurdy, Chairman
C. E. Van Dyke, Co-Chairman

Advertising—

Carl L. Hogendorn, Chairman
Bertilla Hogendorn, Co-Chairman.

Centennial Badges

Bill Hester, Chairman
Glenn Reed
Orville Kolosik
Ed O'Brien
Roy Harris
Dean Smith
William J. Coffman
Helen Dixon
Jane Evans
Evelyn Brown
Bob Sheaffer
Art Thomas
Al Smith
Wayne Fancher

Grounds — Water, Lights,

Toilets and Telephone—

Wayne Wade, Chairman
George Gilmore, Co-Chairman
Marvin Aldrich
Herb Williams
Bob Jones
Max McArtor
Harold Bucher
Richard L. Cheney
Elvin Holeton

Police and Parking—

Al Johnson, Chairman

Public Address—

Dean Morse, Chairman
Art Carter
Don Hall
Bud Wade

Window Display—

Mrs. Cora Evans, Chairman
Marjorie Ross, Chairman
Mrs. Al Johnson
Mrs. Betty Thomas
Mrs. Madge Gardner

Square Dance Club—

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Andrews,
Co-Chairmen.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Westfall
Mr. and Mrs. Harley Carter
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Humphrey
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Claypool
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bucher
Miss Opal McCombs
Miss Dorothy Lekin
Marvin Smothers
Wade Johnston
Layton Claypool

Sisters of the Swish—

Marie Casady, Chairman
Jeanette Gilmore, Co-Chairman
Maxine Neff, Co-Chairman
Helen Dixon

Mildred Cox, Chairman of
Button sale.

Historical—

Mrs. Hazel Lindsey, Chairman
Mrs. Pearl Warner
Mrs. Neva Stover
Mrs. Atha Allen
Mrs. Minnie Roller.
Mrs. Cora Evans.

State Representative

Voigtmann Sends Best Wishes To North English

To My Many Good Friends in
North English — Greetings:

As your Representative in the state government, I consider it a great honor and a special privilege to extend to you, the citizens of North English, congratulations and best wishes on your centennial celebration. You people are really to be congratulated for the fine progressive spirit, the fine, friendly spirit of cooperation, the determined spirit to succeed in whatever you undertake, which you have shown during the many years of your existence.

As evidence of this one needs only to look at your fine stores, your streets, your churches, your many fine homes and above all your modern school. Your business and professional people are the type who are always ready to help a worthy cause along. That is why North English is what it is. In conclusion, permit me to add this bit of serious thought. When our national Constitution was formed, one of the more prominent men present made the motion that the convention should not proceed without an opening prayer each day. He said: "I have lived for a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proof I see of this truth that God governs in the affairs of men." Surely, you people realize that Almighty God has played a large part also in the many years of your existence. For 100 years you have experienced His abundant blessings and protection.

With this in mind, may the heavenly Father bless your celebration and may He continue to bless and keep you in the years which lie ahead of you. This is the sincere wish of your friend,

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In 100 Years North English Has Outgrown the Pioneer Days

In this one hundred years the pioneers and their successors have stretched their horizons beyond the confines of the two English Rivers to embrace the whole world.

Through the 54 years that we have been in business in North English we have seen many changes for good and bad. We, of course, want to remember only the good things and rather than dwell in the past, we look forward for a new era in this community.

We have worked hard not only in trying to make our store an asset to the community, but also have tried to do our part in community affairs. You have our pledge that in the future we will work for your best interests in supplying your needs — and we want to do all possible on our part to make this an even better community.

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NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA.

Historical Pageant Was Wonderful

The historical pageant "Knee Britches" was presented Saturday evening, August 7 in the

Pioneer Clothier



W. C. "Kit" Carson operated a men's clothing store here for over 60 years, and was in business in both the "old town" and the "new town".

Municipal park. Truly a highlight of the Centennial observance, the pageant was witnessed by an audience of 10,000 persons.

Pageant presentation was under the direction of the historical committee, Mrs. Hazel Lindsey, chairman, Mrs. Pearl Warner, Mrs. Milo Stover, Mrs. Alva Allen, Mrs. Minnie Roller and Mrs. Cora Evans.

The following historical episodes were presented:

Episode I—"Indians," Girl and Boy Scout troops.

Episode II—"Covered Wagon Era" and

Episode VIII—"Transportation," Rotary Club.

Episode III—"Horse and Buggy Doctor," Fortnightly Club.

Episode IV—"The Tonsorial Artists," Music Booster Club.

Episode V—"Creameries and Dairies," Sun-Ray Dairy and English Valleys Coop Creamery.

Episode VI—"Town Drama," Fire department.

Episode VII—"On a Sunday Morning," North English Churches.

Episode VIII—"Pioneer School Days," Better Schools Community Club.

Episode IX—"Out of the Past," Ma-

sons, Stars, Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges.

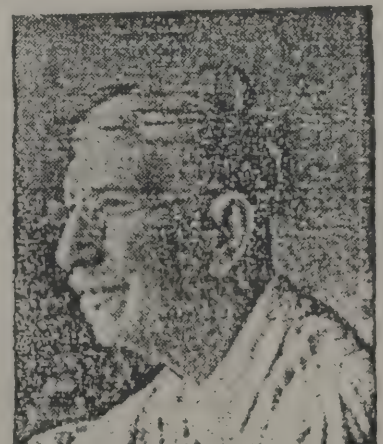
Episode X—"Quilting Party," Philatelic Club.

Episode XI—"Social Life," Square Dance Club.

Episode XIII—"Off to the Wars," American Legion and Auxiliary, V. F. W. and Auxiliary.

Episode XIV—Presentation of the Oldest Citizens.

Pioneer Jeweler



Clyde G. Post opened a jewelry store in the "old town" in 1883 and was in business here about 60 years.

Estimated 68,000 People See Centennial Parade and Programs

The North English Centennial Celebration is now History but will not soon be forgotten by the thousands who came to our town for the big event.

Saturday morning before the parade the cars were coming from all directions and were bumper to bumper from here to Parnell and from here to South English.

The parade was worth going miles to see and over 25,000 people did come to see the 87-unit parade. Some surrounding towns had entries in the parade and What Cheer sent a 40 car caravan.

It was estimated that 68,000 people attended the various sessions of the local Centennial Celebration. Broken down the attendance figures were:

Friday afternoon (for butter judging and viewing displays in stores)1,000

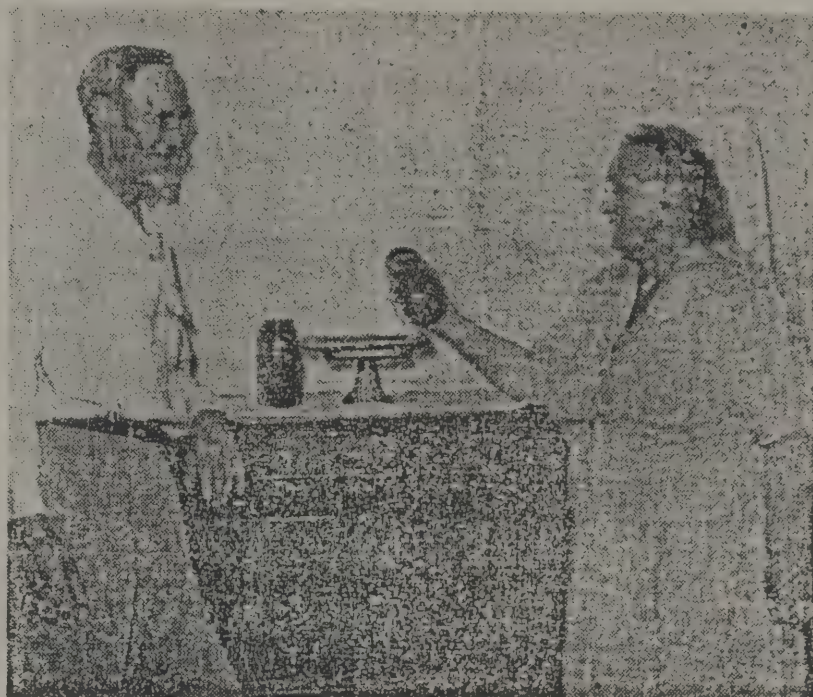
Friday night program5,000

Saturday Parade25,000

(This is a conservative estimate, for Jay Gould estimated the crowd at better than 25,000 while the state patrolmen estimated the throng at 30,000).

Saturday afternoon for circus and Tama Indian Pow-Wow...9,000
Saturday night Pageant and Circus10,000
Sunday afternoon Doll and Pet Parade and Circus8,000

Sunday night Fireworks and Circus10,000
Jay Gould, the circus owner, stated the Saturday night crowd was the largest ever to see a performance by his circus.



Mrs. Vance Smith holds an 1854 Ball Mason fruit jar which belonged to Mary Sophia Feldaverd Bushman, who was a grandmother to both Mrs. Smith and John Feldaverd (at left above).



West side of Highland (Main) street near drug store corner. Picture was taken about 1904. Among the men in the picture are J. W. Erwin, Harry Phelps and "Casey Bill" Lawler.

State Senator Nolan Sends Greetings

North English Centennial Committee,
North English, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

I want to commend you and the

other good citizens of North English on the elaborate plans which you are making for the North English Centennial on August 6, 7 and 8 of this year. It can truly be said that North English clearly evidences a century of progress. I know of no other community in Iowa where there is greater

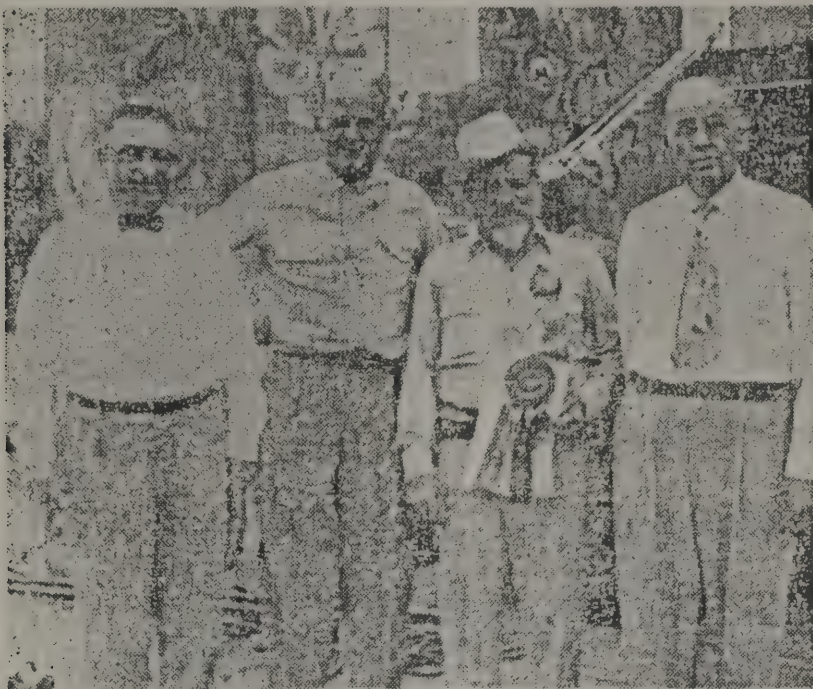
public and civic spirit, or where the community is more united in its efforts to attain the best in all spiritual, educational and commercial undertakings.

Many of us cannot participate in the celebration as native sons and daughters of North English, as our forebears settled in other Iowa communities a century or more ago. We do, however, join with you in paying tribute to the pioneers of North English and the surrounding vicinity and to those who have carried on the building of your community in true and typical American style. America is great because of literally thousands of "North English's" throughout the land and the millions of good citizens who make them.

Permit me to again congratulate you on your good work and I shall look forward to joining with you in the Centennial Celebration.

Sincerely yours,

D. C. NOLAN



WHISKER CHAMPION—Bill Wilkerson was named whisker champion in the Brothers of the Brush contest. Bill is shown here with the judges. Left to right: Louie Colson of Marengo, Martin Dickel of Homestead, Wilkerson, and Sheriff Guy Schroll. Bill holds his championship ribbon.



INDIANS DANCE — The Mesquakie Indians from Tama dance during the pageant Saturday evening. North English Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and Brownies dressed as Indians, also participated in this pageant scene. Ten thousand people saw the pageant and proclaimed it one of the best events of the celebration.

Young Men About-Town In 1900



Young men about town at the turn of the century, and very popular too, were Ernie Claypool (left) and Virgil Evans. Ernie still resides here, and operated his barber shop until retiring in 1951.

Carter, Iowa, Thrived Before Milwaukee Railroad Came

Very few people remember that a town named Carter, Iowa, once flourished east of North English, located on what is now the John Kirkpatrick farm.

The Carter postoffice came into being in the '70's, located about four miles northeast of North English, or one mile south of Yankee Point school. Carter boasted a number of dwellings, a grist mill owned by Godfrey Knipfer, a general store owned by John Ryan, and a blacksmith shop operated by Ed Wilson. The postoffice was in the store.

The grist mill was the important thing at that time, and the milling business was really a big thing because everyone had to depend on the local mills for their flour. The farmers raised wheat, and the farmers as well as the town folks, got their flour from the mills. This one was known as the Knipfer mill or Fillmore mill, as it was located in Fillmore township.

Through the busy season it ran day and night, and shut down only to sharpen the burrs. There were two stone burrs. One was used for wheat only, the other for corn, buckwheat and oats. Each burr consisted of 2 circular stones about seven feet across; the bottom stone was set in the floor permanently. The top stone about 18 inches thick was set on top of the lower stone and could be raised or

lowered. The top stone had a hole through the center about six inches in diameter, and the grain ran through this and was ground between the burrs. The top stone revolved at great speed.

There was a water-tight room under the mill. The water wheel from which emanated the power to run the burrs was something like a windmill wheel laid flat in this room, and the water from the mill race filled the room. There was an opening under the waterwheel and when it was open the water rushed in through the wheel causing it to turn, and turning the large shaft that ran up into the mill. There was a dam across the stream (English river), causing the water to run down the mill race and under the wheel.

Carter was quite a community center, and people from the surrounding country came here to visit and loaf. They had shooting matches, horseshoe pitching, crouquet, etc. Frank Knipfer, who told us of Carter, says that the store sold as high as one thousand cigars in a day's time. Frank's father, Godfrey Knipfer, finally bought the store from Mr. Ryan, and his daughters tended the store.

Business was good for several years until chintz bugs began to cause wheat failures, and merchants began to ship in flour from Kansas.

Then the railroad came through in 1884, and Parnell came on the map. Mr. Knipfer moved his store to Parnell. Ed Wilson quit his blacksmith shop and moved to North English.

The mill building stood silent and empty for several years until finally the Smiths bought it, tore it down and moved it to their farm east of town. The waterwheel was sold for junk. It is claimed it weighed over 4,000 lbs.

AND SO THE TOWN OF CARTER, IOWA, DIED A SILENT DEATH OWING TO CHANGING CONDITIONS.

Some of the old-timers prominent around Carter when it was a flourishing community were the Carter families—David, Edwin, Jake, Oscar and William; the Claypools—Samuel, Jonathan and William; Daniel Welch, Frank Pettibone, George Moore (later postmaster here in the office located where the Addie Mahannah residence now is); Frank Farlow, Patrick Ryan, the Stover family, Bill Whitmore and Austin Butler.



One of the most popular entries in the parade was the Coon Hunt entry of Oldfield Implement of Wellman. That's a real coon up there in the tree. Arnold Garringer climbs the tree after the coon while Ralph Dean Smith holds the dogs.

"Westerns" Did Not Bring First Horses To Orpheum Theatre—Former Livery Stable



Over a half century ago a livery stable stood where the Orpheum Theatre now is. In the picture proprietor John Whitmore wields a broom. John later opened a theatre there.

THE ORIGINAL FAIR STORE



The first Fair Store was located in the building which now houses the Record office and Morgan's grocery and was owned by Sam Greenblatt. He later took Bruce Thomas as a partner. Those in the picture are (left to right): M. Dran, Bess Mahannah, Earl Hiltbrunner, Abe Greenblatt, Maggie Mahannah Zimmerman, Clair Beatty, Olive Patterson, McEldoon and Sam Greenblatt.

North English Has Had Good Barbers

Nothing is of more importance to the welfare of a town than the maintenance of a first-class barber shop.

Among the first barbers were Chan-
cey Hall, A. H. Brown, Edd Gill, J.
W. Hadley. Sam Marshall, Laddie
Van Dyke, Harold & Bill Dennis,
John McGurk, Ernie Claypool, Ed &
Jim Lindsey, Mike Lavelle, George
Blanchett, Curley Markwell, Glenn
King, and others. Darwin Mason,
the longest in business, recently sold
his business and shop to Ernest Dye.
Darwin had been in business 48 years.



The Sisters of the Swish held their Centennial Style Revue Friday night. Above Chairman Marie Casady presents the first place award to Mrs. Merle Smith for the most stylish old dress, as picked by the judges.



Mrs. J. B. Miller receives her first place award in the new dress classification from Chairman Casady.

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An old "shot" -- the 1933 NEHS basketball team, from left: Ellwood Miller, Lloyd Hahn, Coach, John Carlson, Wade Mason, Robert Off, and Keith Stover



Carolyn Carter parades her "bottle sucking" kitten in the Centennial Pet and Doll Parade on Sunday afternoon.



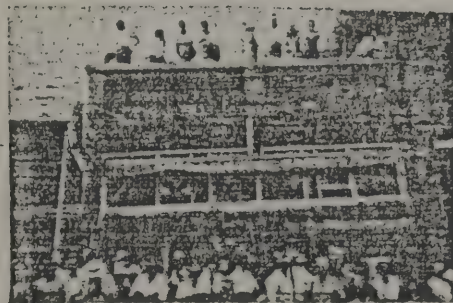
A group of square dancers in full swing at a session in the gym. The Square Dance Club had over 300 members, who kept the Centennial rolling.



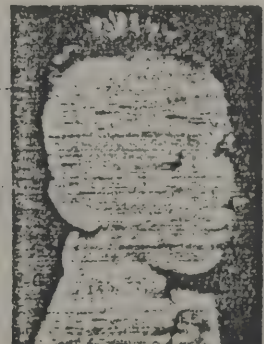
Vance Kolosik, Gary Bucher and Larry Naas, sing for a Radio Station KBOE broadcast. Listening are Betty Humphrey, Cliff Cox, Pauline Humphrey, Harriet Bell, and Dale Bell.



Mable Pine, Rose King and Helen Dixon in their Centennial best.



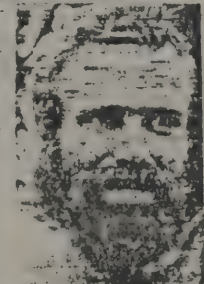
Some parade watchers sought the vantage point of roof tops.



Young Jimmy Lortz sports a "Mohawk" for the Centennial.



An "old-time" school scene from the pageant. Participating were from left: Billy Riess (dunce), Connie Grove, Rose King, Virgie Esser, Sandra Strohmman, Vickie Andrews, Susan Beorkrem, Dale Bell (teacher), Johnnie Andrews, Rickie Bell and Gary Aldrich



Mervin Netser looked mighty nice in his beard.

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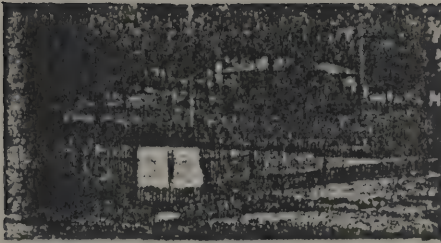
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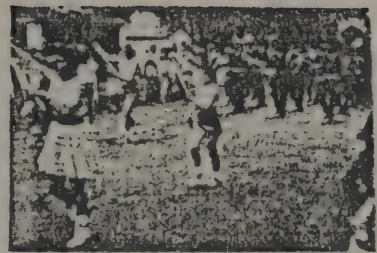
Pictured above is one of the outstanding families in the history of No. English—the Dr. Coxe family. They are, left to right, standing: Mrs. Coxe or "Nana", Jay, Mervin and Bernard. Seated: Dr. J. R. Coxe, Bert, Gladys and Roy. The Coxe family history is indeed an interesting one.



The dance platform at the park sponsored and built by the Centennial Square Dance Club. The new shelter house sponsored by the Rotary Club is in the background.



The Dean Best family enjoys the midway.



The What Cheer high school band and majorettes added a lot of pep to the parade.



Dean Morse even in Chicago promoting Centennial--so he says!



Lanny Hall and Dan Shinn on their "bicycle-built-for-two" in the parade.



Mary Smith plays for the Barber Shop Quartet. George Butler, Elmer Riess, Don Turner, and Frank Jones.



The Bob Casteel family on a downtown tour to see the window displays.



Bucher Family Album Russell, Helen, Leo, Lottie, Glen, Lorrie, Harold, Florence and Gary.



Dorothy Lekin and Opal McCombs enjoy the clown as much as the kids.

Wayne "Perky" Wade waves greetings to Vice-President Richard Nixon as the Nixon special rolls through North English



Religious scene from the pageant participated in by Methodist Church congregation.



Figure 1. A photograph of a person in a field.

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FRATERNAL AND PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS

Masonic Lodge

Triumph Lodge No. 479 A. F. and A. M. was organized in November, 1885, with 16 charter members.

The first lodge room was in the Polk Williams store in the old town.

Modern Woodmen of America

The M. W. of A., a fraternal benefit organization, was organized August 17, 1892 with 14 charter members.

The early records of the organization were destroyed by fire. C. D. Mahannah was clerk at that time. Later records, record clerks, J. D. Butler, T. M. Foster, C. B. Butler, Joe O'Brien, L. G. Lennox, D. L. Mason, C. E. Van Dyke, and in 1921 Elmor Miller was elected secretary and is still acting at the present time.

At present the membership is 31 adult and juvenile members.

Royal Neighbors

The Royal Neighbors of America was organized December 27, 1906.

Neighbor Estelle Thomas was first Oracle, Nellie Carmichael first Recorder, Atha Butler, Receiver; Etta Miller, Vice Oracle. There were 17 charter members.

The present membership is 56.

There are members of this organization in South America, Arizona, Dubuque, California, South English and Cedar Rapids.

O. E. S. Chapter No 170

O. E. S. Chapter No. 170 was organized December 4, 1894.

During the first year the Chapter met in the upstairs room in the Polk Williams Store.

In 1899 the Chapter moved to the present location in the Masonic Hall on Main Street.

Present membership is 132.

V. F. W. Auxiliary

North English Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars was instituted February 13, 1947 by Department President Hazel Johnson of Fairfield, with the assistance of the Ottumwa Auxiliary officers.

There are 44 charter members and to date there is a membership of 65, four of whom are Gold Star Mothers.

Since it is one of the duties to serve the veterans and their families, the Auxiliary has been very active in hospital work. The Brownie Scouts have

been sponsored by the Auxiliary since 1948.

They make tray favors to be sent to veterans' hospitals.

Regular meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at the Veterans' Building, which was bought in 1948 with cooperation of the American Legion and the community.

American Legion Auxiliary

American Legion Auxiliary of Ross T. Hadley Post 488 was organized in 1921 with 44 charter members. Ten are members at the present time.

The Unit holds regular monthly meetings and try to serve the welfare of the disabled veterans of World Wars I and II.

They send all requests and help the veterans celebrate their birthdays with parties, taking refreshments and entertainment to the hospitals. At present 16 Volunteer Service Workers, "Ladies in Blue," go to Iowa City every Tuesday to the Veterans Hospital.

The Unit has a poppy sale every

year the Saturday before Memorial Day. These poppies are made by disabled veterans, which gives them something to do to earn money to help support themselves and their families.

The Unit has an assigned child, and furnishes clothing during the year for this child.

The Auxiliary is now in its 33rd year and has 67 members. Three are Gold Star Mothers.

American Legion Post No. 488

Ross T. Hadley Post No. 488, The American Legion, was organized in 1920 with 10 charter members. The present membership is 132.

Rebekah Lodge

Rebekah Lodge No. 355 was organized in April 1896 with 15 charter members. The present membership is 143.

North English Lodge No. 325,

I. O. O. F.

The I. O. O. F. Lodge was organized October 21, 1875 with eight charter members.

The first lodge room was in the Polk Williams building in the old town.

The members of this organization over a period of years have planned well for their continued existence, as they built their present home on Main Street.

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QUILTING BEE — The above scene was seen in the historical pageant and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large crowd. Women participating in the quilting bee were left to right: Amy Van Dyke, Betty Thomas, Imo Miller, Vera Donahoe, Mrs. Harold Walter, Addie Kirkham, Ione Johnson, Henrietta Churchill, Gail Lortz and Jessie Schoenthaler were serving tea at time picture was taken.

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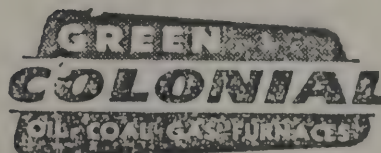
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The first class to be promoted from the new elementary building was the 1954 eighth grade class. Class members, left to right, first row: Billy Kolosik, Lanny Hall, Sammy Cobb, Charles Garringer, Donnie Kirkpatrick, Virgil Henley. Row 2: Jeanne Humphrey, Linda Van Auker, Donna Turner, Kay Johnston, Marsha Hogendorf, Karen Walsh. Row 3: Tressa Cobb, Treva Cobb, Joyce Himler, Gay Hedrick, Sandra Bair, Janice Glichrist. Row 4: Donald Henson, Brent Morgan, Roger Carter, Barton Ellis, David Hohenshell, Stanley Keiser. Back row: Carol Henson, Elaine Faas, and Janice Ballard.



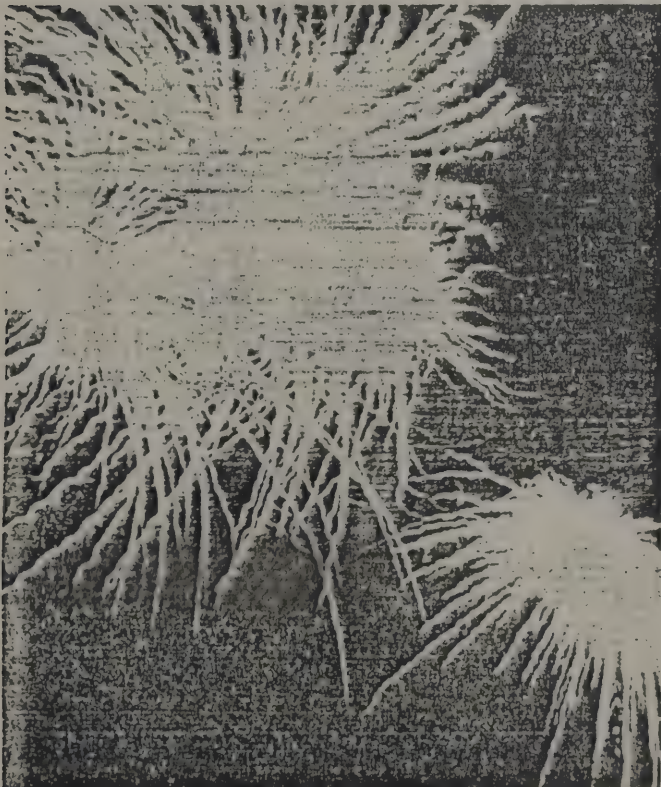
Eli Smith began operation of a brick yard here in 1852 and for many years was the main source of employment locally. The above 1908 picture shows, left to right, Poke Williams, Bill Campbell, Virgil Smith, Tommy Dickson, Reo Smith, Wayne Collins, Frank Butler, Tom Hohenshell, Rex Brown, Ote Hohenshell, Dave Thomas, Walter Lutton, Vance Smith and Owen Huxford.

Senior Class

NEHS
Centennial Year
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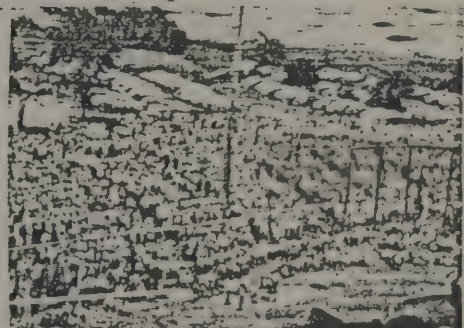
Back row left to right: John Raplinger, Carroll Rowe, Larry Lown, Don O'Brien, Lowell Harris, Marvin Hahn, Vance Kolosik, Dean Evans, Burrell Gardner, Aubrey Davisson, John O'Rourke, Terry Hogendorn. Middle row: Supt. E. E. Andrews, Dr. Oscar E. Thompson, commencement speaker, Melvin Berstler, Eddie Wiggins, James Smith, Leroy Schultz, Richard Gilmore, Lee Westfall. Front row: Jerry Allison, Janet Van Fleet, Alberta Simmons, Myrna Johnston, Joyce Hall, Jeralee Humphrey, Janice Hahn, Louise Powers.



10,000 people saw beautiful fireworks Sunday night



Willard Thurman rides his Palomino mule in parade



Part of crowd at Saturday afternoon program



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Social Life In Our Community From Past To Present

The social life of the community in early days was husking bees, spelling bees, carpet rag sewing and literaries.

Many people recall attending literary at White Pigeon School, during the winter months. The nights were never too cold or the snow too deep, to have a bob sled party and attend this gathering for amusement.

Square dancing, and in the event of a barn raising, after the barn was finished, a square dance was enjoyed in the hayloft.

The Orpheum theatre furnishes entertainment for the town and surrounding towns today.

The first opera house was located on the west side of Main Street near the site occupied by Oliver and Halls Appliance Stores. It was later used as a curtain pole factory.

In 1908 Alva Allen built the East Side Theatre. Stage shows were produced weekly and the building was also used for roller skating. Alva Allen sold the opera house to John Whitmore. Other owners were J. W. Hadley and Roy Coxe.

Vance Smith and son Dean operate the Orpheum Theatre in the same remodeled building at the present time. They have recently installed a new est advancement in motion picture sound pictures in 1928.

Next month North English will join the ranks of those places that are celebrating their centennial anniversaries. That opportunity will come later to some points, while for others it has already passed.

Neighboring Editor Writes of Centennial

There are two valuable things to be gained from this kind of community endeavor. For one, it is very much worth while to both the individual and the community for the residents of that community to have a fair knowledge of its history. It will help develop a healthy pride in one's surrounding area. One will work harder for a town or county that he knows intimately and understands than he will when the place where he lives is wholly impersonal.

Cooperative effort, such as growing beards to advertise the coming celebration or developing other centennial projects, can be a wonderful thing for the town. It develops a spirit of cooperation that is essential to the greatest success of such an undertaking. We think, too, that this cooperative attitude will continue to grow in the years to come and can make for a solidarity of interests that will mean much to the community in the future.

There is a lot of work connected with a celebration project. But it is not all work and drudgery. North English may well be happy that there is such an opportunity at hand.

Marengo Pioneer-Republican

First Place Float — Organizations



In the organization classification the contest for first place was very close. The judges eventually awarded first to the Methodist church float, which had an old-time revival theme.

First Place Entry — Novelty



First place in the novelty classification went to the oxen and covered wagon—the entry of F. Plank Seed, Carleton Beh, and Wayne Wade & Sons. Local men with oxen in above picture are: Cecil Walsh, Bud Wade, David Mullin, Everett Lortz and Floyd Brown.



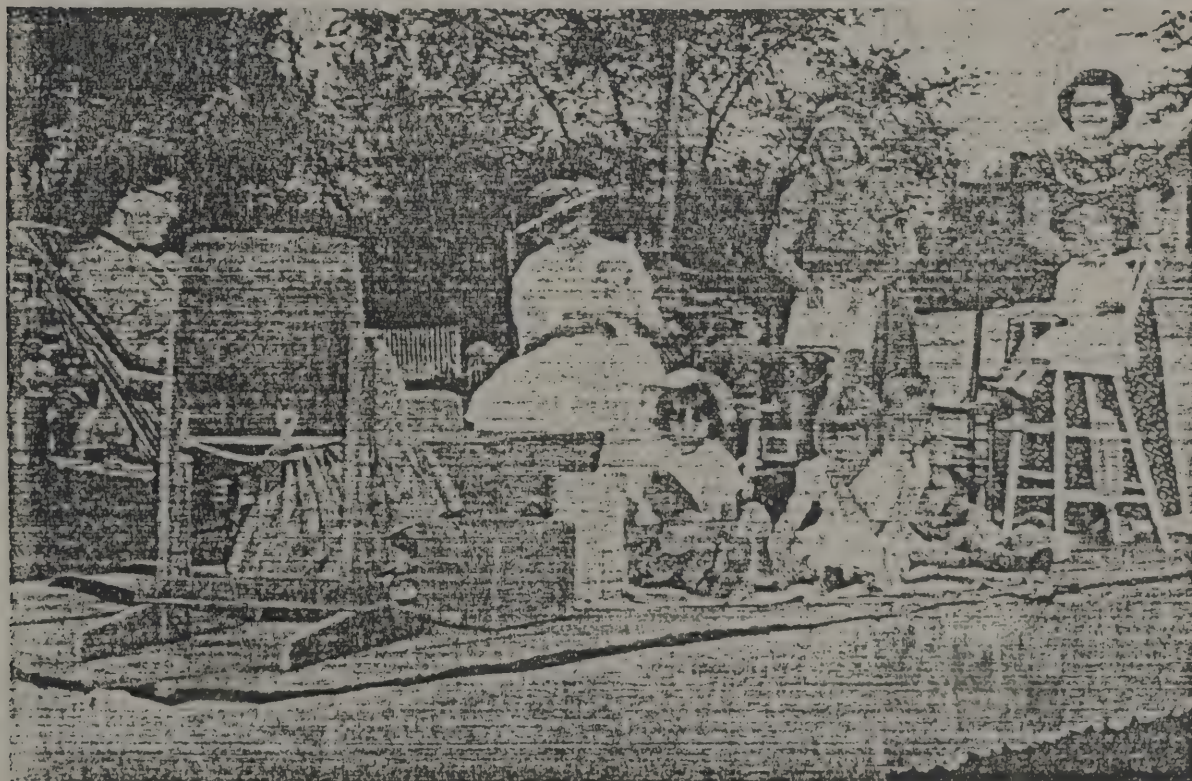
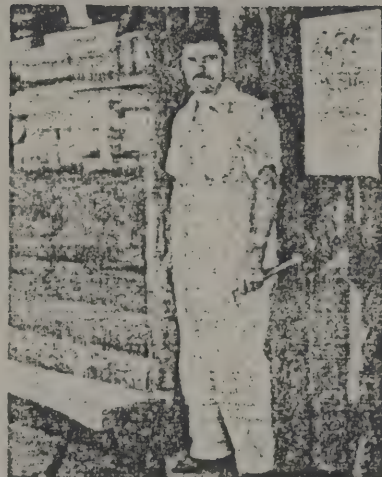
Left: Louise Powers in Centennial dress. Louise helped assemble this Centennial book.

Right: Judge Truman Faas presides over Kangaroo Court.



Left: Trained goat, driven in parade by Earl and Maude Denison.

Right: Centennial Co-chairman E. E. Andrews ready to go to work.



Sunshine Circle of Grant School District parade entry. From left: Mrs. Dick Harris, Mrs. Norman McCombs holding Steven, Mrs. Joe Westfall, Mrs. Max Sampson with Larry. Children seated are Helen and Connie Westfall and Rickie Harris.

In Days of Yore--



"Womanless Wedding" about 1925. Russell Ferris was the groom; Dr. A.C. Schoenthaler the bride. Merle Smith was the minister.



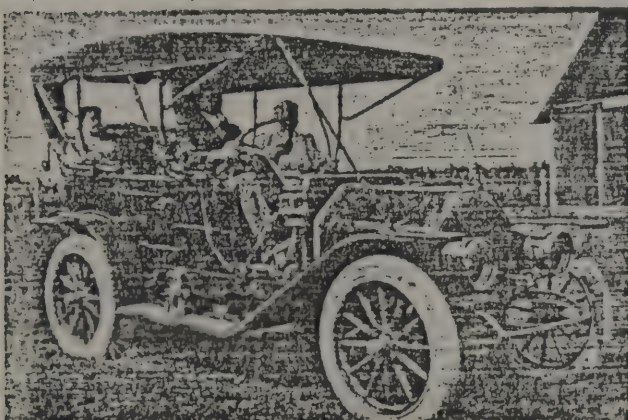
Pheasant hunters, 1926 - "Shorty" Greiman, "Dutch" Miller, "Frosty" Plank, a friend, Leo Wagner. On ground, Jim Lindsey.



NEHS Girls Basketball Team - 1908-1909. From left: Amy Foster; Fern Billingsley, Maud Stump, Lorna Thomas, Mollie Wine, Pearl Hathway coach, and Marie Montz.



Over 40 years ago, Wm. A. Thomas, Sponsor of the first Methodist Church here, holds baby Newell Himler. Mrs. Homer Himler is at right; Martha Thomas Baner at left.



Dave Van Auken drives his 1910 Overland.



Four "white-collar" men work on railroad in 1917. From left: Jerry Krenmyre, "Granny" Hatter, John Van Auken and Russell Smith.

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NORTH ENGLISH

Be-Whiskered Ball Players For "North English Night" In Cedar Rapids.



Back row (left to right)—Harry Jordan, Dean Morse, William Walter, Stanley Lown, Harold Claypool, Arnold Garringer, Kenneth Donahue, Layton Riess, Elmer Shull, John Finch.

Front row (left to right)—Lloyd Bickford, Renold Butler, Lecll Miller, Lloyd Humphrey, William Lockridge, Norman Wilkerson, Jack Lockridge, Walter Casady, Cloyd Fuller, George Lawrence and Carl Hogendorn.



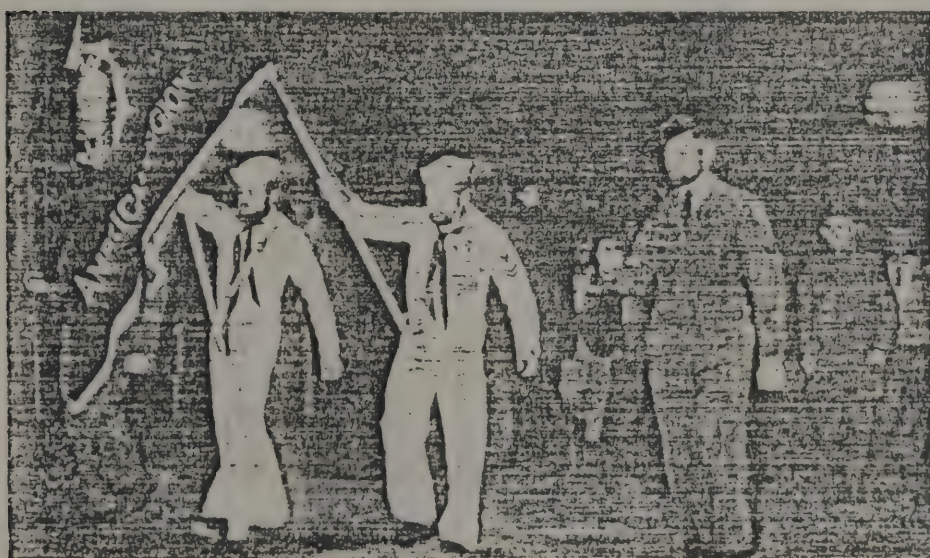
The Gospel of the Mass was depicted in the pageant by members of the St. Joseph's Parish.



George Lawrence drove his fancy team in the pageant. The horses pulled a milk wagon such as used to deliver milk house to house.



Kangaroo Court Scene -- Judge, Laddie Van Dyke confers with Lawyer Floyd Brown. Others are Lavon Berstler, Dean Morse and Bruce Warner.



The American Legion parades in the pageant. In front are Jack Lockridge, Max Sampson, Charles Grove. At right are Roy and Ray Claypool.



Sandra Riess and Betty Colbert in Centennial dresses.

For Five Years

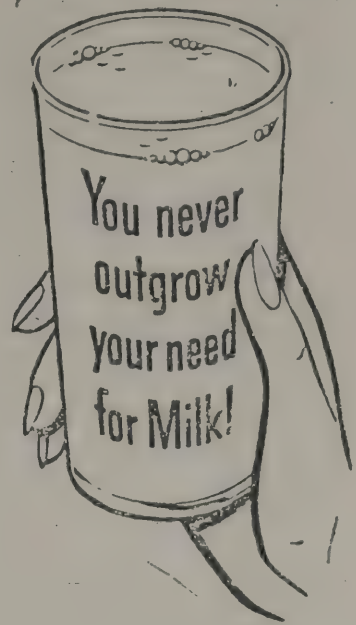
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OLDEST RESIDENTS HEAD PARADE—The twenty oldest residents in North English rode in convertibles at the head of the of the parade. In the lead car (shown here) Mrs. Belle King, 90, rides in the front seat, while Mrs. Mable Post Butler, 89, nearest camera) rode in the back seat accompanied by Mrs. Addie Lockridge. Mrs. Ida Ferris, 89, rode in the second car.

Fortnightly Club Was Begun In 1903

In the summer of 1903 a group of North English women formed the Fortnightly Club, beginning with ten members, and numbering over twenty before the end of the first year. The study topic for the year was "Art and Architecture." The first paper presented dealt with "Solomon's Temple," and was presented by Mrs. T. M. Foster. —This paper is still in existence, as is another, "Roman Architecture" presented by Mrs. S. Plymmer Japer in the year. Two years' study of "American History and Literature" followed, and a fourth year's study was on "A Year of Travel Through Europe."

Founded in 1903, the Fortnightly Club was federated in 1906, thus becoming part of one of the largest international women's groups.

Membership in the Fortnightly Club has always been limited to 25 elected members, wives of school and church men always being honorary members.



**WE SALUTE NORTH ENGLISH AND THE
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100 Years Ago**

We are happy to now be a part of this community.

We have confidence in the continued progress of the North English community, and it is our desire to keep pace with this progress.

MORGAN'S

**QUALITY MEATS
AND
VEGETABLES**



**FROZEN
FOODS**

Parade, and Doll and Pet Parade Winners

PARADE WINNERS

The many entries in the parade posed a tough problem for the judges but they eventually decided upon the following as the winners:

Organizations:

- 1—Methodist Church
- 2—Rotary Club
- 3—Christian Church

An Early Resident



JOE MECKER

Commercial:

- 1—English Valleys Creamery
- 2—Maplecrest Farms
- 3—Mahannah Furniture

Novelty:

- 1—Plank-Beh-Wade (oxen and covered wagon)
- 2—Farmers Savings Bank (Old prospector and burros)
- 3—Oldfield Implement (Coon hunt)

DOLL AND PET PARADE

Nearly 70 entries made the Pet & Doll Parade an interesting event Sunday afternoon. Entries came from a number of towns and competition was keen. Following are the winners:

Doll Division

- 1—Bracha Sisters (Eola and Verletta)
- 2—Phyllis Garringer
- 3—Jo Rae Hogendorn

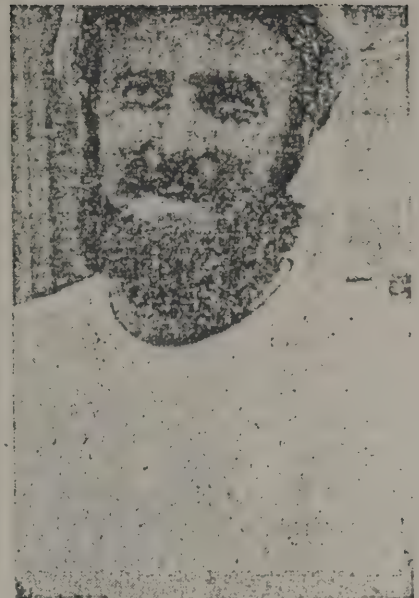
Pet Division

- 1—Carma Lee Carter with kitten nursing from bottle
- 2—Brenda Morgan with dog in baby buggy
- 3—Douglas and Deborah Brower with wagon of kittens

Pony Division

- 1—Gary Max Sampson
- 2—Jerry Simmons
- 3—Teddy Cox

Cash awards of \$5, \$3 and \$2 went to the place winners in each class.

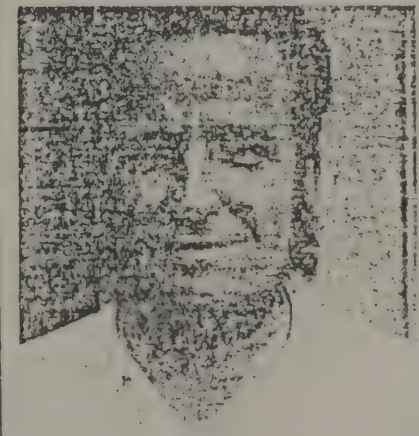


AL SMITH

Al was co-chairman of the Centennial fireworks and did a wonderful job.



JOHN DONAHOE



BILL HESTER



Presenting the North English High School football squad of 1916. Left to right, first row: Oral "Tub" Swift, Bentley Ferris, Cub Brown, Harold Smith. Middle row: Lawrence "Donk" Ferris, Raymond Hannon, Virgil Wagner, Wayne "Yickey" Smith, W. M. "Young Bill" Kueneman, Art Thomas. Back row: Sherwood "Shreck" Swain, Dave Mahannah, Coach Ray Ellison, and Raymond Bless.

1887 - The North English Record - 1954



Carl and Bertilla Hogendorn

For 67 years The Record has been serving this community. The late Wm J. Kueneman was editor and publisher from 1914 until his death in 1944. We have been publishing The Record since May, 1944.

It was our pleasure to serve on the promotion staff of the Centennial - - an unforgettable event in the history of our community.

CARL L. HOGENDORN
Editor and Publisher

BERTILLA A. HOGENDORN
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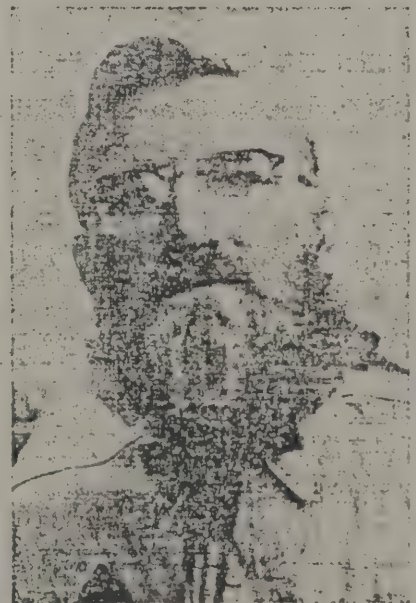
North English.

CARL "TONY" NOEL

It is a distinct pleasure to serve the people of this fine community. We hope to be around a long time helping North English progress towards it's next Centennial.

The first 100 years for North English were great ones, but we believe the next 100 will be better. We are glad to be a part of this wonderful community - - and just remember that we handle

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J. & O. Implement

Harry Jordan.

North English.

Pat Osweiler.



Probably the oldest couple belonging to the Sisters of the Swish and Brothers of the Brush were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Glider. They were "shot" Saturday morning as they viewed the parade. Mr Glider is wearing his whisker contest blue ribbon having won first place in the "oldest classification".



You'd never guess who these five are so we'll tell you. They are; baby Lewis "Dutch" Miller being held by his sisters, Nellie and Esther. On the right are the twins, Lecil and Cecil. Cecil died when a young boy.

North English Men Kept Up With Modern Transportation

Great things rise from small beginnings is an old saying. So it is with transportation. The change from vehicles drawn by oxen and horses to the horseless carriage, created a new business in later years. The existence of this business dates back to the horse drawn gasoline and oil tank wagons; the first one operated by Bent Mahannah. Bill Evans, John Whitmore and W. R. Hinkley also were in this business.

As automobiles and tractors increased in numbers the demand for gasoline and oils created the building of the first service station by Jim Lindsey and Wm. Kalopeck in 1924, known as the Neoco Oil Station. Al Smith and Sons operate this station at the present time. Other operators today are: Harry and Glenn Reed, Reed Oil Co.; Von's Service; Uroil Products, Theodore Van Auker.

Transportation today is quite different from the ox drawn wagons and early horse and buggy days. Bicycles built for two were quite fashionable in the "Gay Nineties." Many of the older people of today recall the first automobile in the town about the year 1904. How we rushed out to see the horseless carriage as it passed our homes.

Interested people gathered around the first automobiles when parked on Main Street.

The owner sometimes had to drive the people back to keep them from climbing onto the precious vehicle.

We also recall the large hats worn by the ladies at this time tied down tightly with wide flowing veils when they went for a joy ride in the new automobile. Dusters were also worn to keep dust off the clothing as the early cars were topless and they stirred up a cloud of dust as they traveled the dusty narrow country roads.

The drivers wore goggles to enable them to see to drive at a speed of about twenty or twenty-five miles per hour.

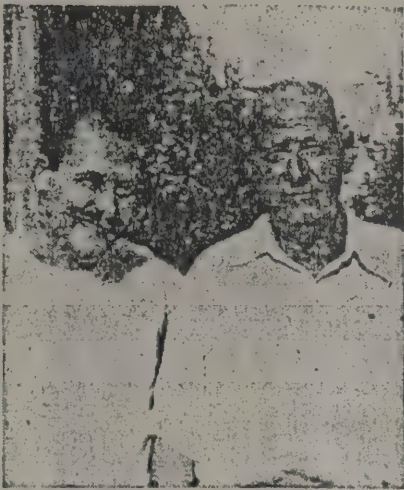
And now—

Overhead may be heard a huge airplane carrying people through the air.

NEVADA TO NORTH ENGLISH

Our town was first known as Soaptown, then Nevada. Between August 1862 and August 1863 it became NORTH ENGLISH.

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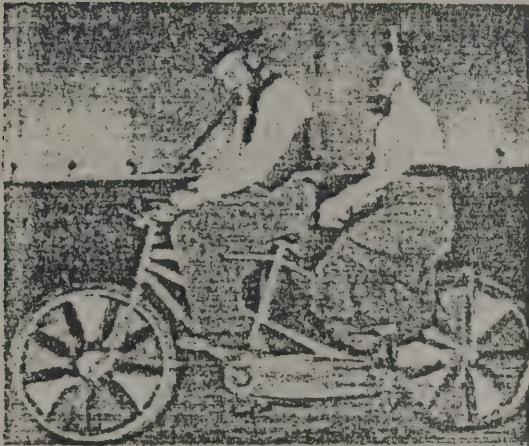
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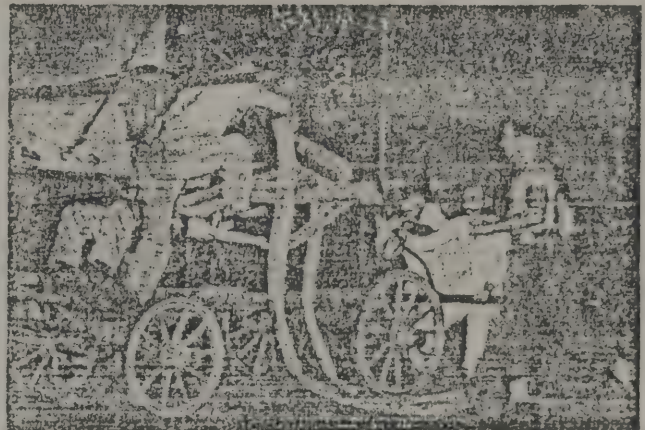


The Tama Indians thrilled the crowd of 10,000 with their fast tempo dancing during the pageant.

Helen Geiger and Marie Ayres dressed up to ride in the parade.



Dean and Eliose Morse ride their bicycle "built for two" in a pageant scene.



The century-old hand-pumped fire engine attracted much attention in the pageant. Fireman from left: Cliff Cox, Mike Wade, Don Hall, Bill Walters and Bob Jones.



Edna Gilmore and Leona Humphreys "downtown" in Dentennial dress.



The "old milk wagon" lantern and all, was driven in a pageant scene by Roger Evans and son, Ronnie.

WHIPPING OF HORSES HERE BROUGHT FINES

The town of North English over a century ago was a hunting spot of Indians.

Today it is a spot of refinement and elegance, with large business houses, a public library, beautiful residences, churches, schools, modern theatre, city park, and Highway 149 through the Main Street of the town was paved in 1928.

The town is supplied with deep well water, and new sewer system built in 1953.

Electricity furnished by Iowa Light and Power Co. furnishes power for lighting, heat, and power for machinery.

The town has many Lodges, Clubs, and other organizations such as Rotary Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Brownies.

The well equipped fire department is ready at all times, at the sound of the siren, to extinguish fires both in town and country.

Fire protection in early days was far different from the present time.

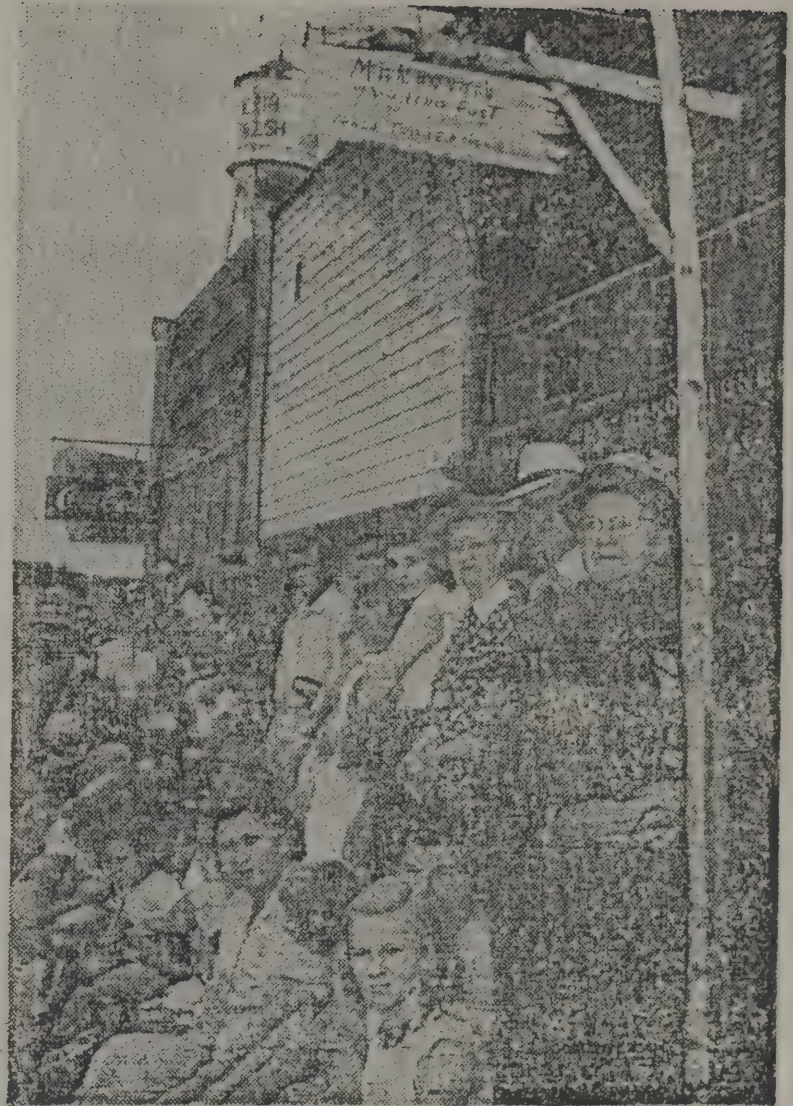
There were a number of fires in North English which made history. One of the first stores in the old town burned shortly after the town was founded. Fires destroyed the frame buildings which were moved from the old town to the new. The west side and east side fires destroyed many buildings.

At the scene of a fire in those early days, men rushed with buckets at the sound of the fire bell. They filled the buckets from rain barrels and wells, formed a bucket brigade to fight the fires.

First town officers: Mayor E. D. Baird, Councilmen W. M. Thomas, H. A. Fluckey, J. H. Swope, C. R. Schell, J. W. Erwin, S. P. Chiles, Recorder R. B. Reed; Marshal and Street Commissioner Preston Markwell.

The streets in early days were lighted with kerosene lights. Mr. Markwell lighted, cleaned and filled the lamps with oil daily.

The first town incorporators were expansionists. They had enlarged ideas as to the future growth of the town, as the boundary lines were drawn to include an area of farm land. The farmers who owned this land were not filled with joy at the



TRADING POST—Plush cape and all, Mrs. Sadie Wetherell found Mahannah's furniture Trading Post sign comfortable to lean on while watching the parade. The tall fellow under the Coco-Cola sign is Orval Faas, with his wife beside him.

idea of paying town taxes on land used for raising corn and hay. They appealed to the District Court for relief and the request was granted.

Mud was one of the greatest problems of the town in early days. The dirt roads, and only a few board sidewalks caused no end of trouble for the Councilmen.

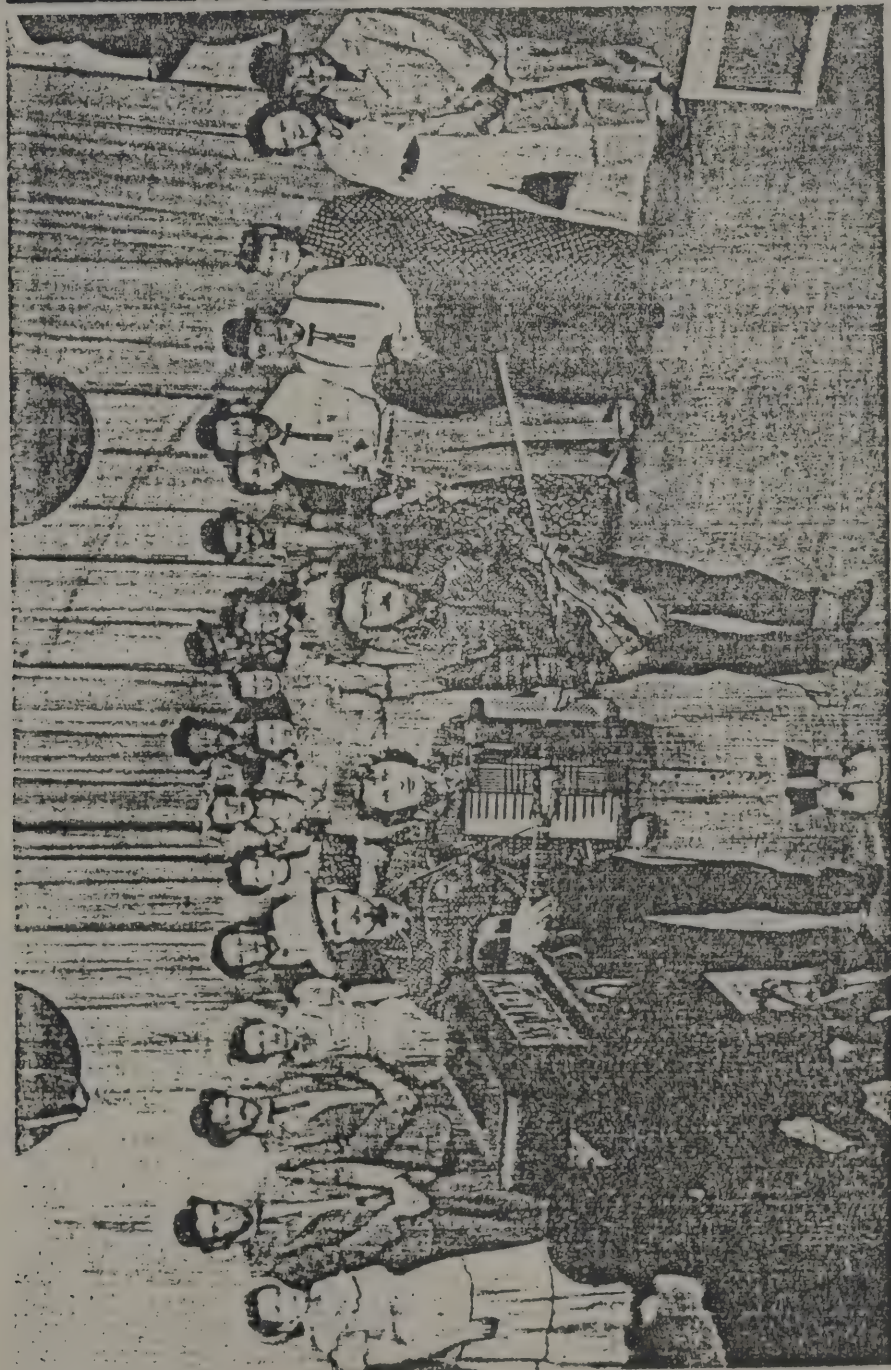
Water ran down Main Street and stood near the depot, making a bog which was almost impassable at times.

Many farmers and teamsters with heavy loads became stuck in the mud and had to whip their horses unmercifully to make them pull the wagons out of the mud. It became so bad that a humane society was organized

with Mrs. John Wilson as the leader. She was so vigilant that many an old timer was arrested and taken before the Mayor and fined \$25.00 and costs.

The councilmen later hired men with teams at the depot to pull all wagons bogged down in the old mud hole.

Town officers at the present time are: Mayor Elmor Miller who has held the office for 26 years. Councilmen: Frank Allen who has also served 26 years; Wayne Wade, Frank Mertz, Bruce Warner, and Bill Coffman. Clerk, Dean Morse; Treasurer, Myrtle Ferris; Day Marshal, Floyd Thomas; Night Marshal, Don Van Dyke.



A photographer snapped this photo following a Centennial promotion telecast from the WMT-TV studios, on Friday afternoon, August 6. Participating in square dancing and interviews were, front: Wade Johnson, Patty Smothers, and Marvin Smothers; back: Mrs. Harold Claypool, Harold Claypool, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Humphrey, Mrs. Harley Carter, Harley Carter, Dorothy Lekin, Opal McCombs, Bruce Thomas, Mrs. Joe Westfall, Joe Westfall, Mrs. Harold Bucher, Harold Bucher, Mr. and Mrs. Layton Claypool, Ione Johnson, and Carl Hogendorn.



Lamont and Frances Littrell and Bill Walters visited the watermelon stand. Frances seems more interested in something else.



Three finalists in the "whitest beard" contest were John Kirkpatrick, Kenneth Lockridge and Hugh Butler. The winner was Mr. Lockridge. Theo. Van Auken is making awards.

PIONEER WOMAN



One of the early pioneer women of this community was Mrs. Barbara West. She was the mother of Pete and Albert West, local men both of whom are around 90 years of age. Mrs. West did some years ago at an advanced age.

First North English Telephone Still Being Used

The first switch board was operated by Mrs. Emma Post. It was a switch board made especially for her use, as she was blind. The first telephones were in use in the late '90's. The first telephone was installed by E. J. Smith at the tile factory and one at his farm east of town. This telephone is still in use. Dr. Schoenthaler has it installed in his basement.

The switchboard was moved to the present location over the Farmer's Savings Bank in later years.

Gillman and Daight were the first operators of the new switch board. Mrs. Gail Dixon was the first paid operator. Jack Dixon was lineman and manager for several years. Herbert Williams is manager at the present time. Operators are Daisy Daughtery, Mary Litzenberg, Flossie West, Thelma Hahn, and Rose King.



Roy T. Coxe, the oldest active business man in North English is pictured above (left) in his blacksmith shop in the early 1900's. Bill Williams is man at right. The shop was located at the rear of what is now Morgan's Grocery.



At the turn of the century, the Magoon poultry plant was one of the big businesses of North English. Operated by Hanky and George Magoon it was located on the alley back of The Record office. Some of the "feathermen" of that early day are pictured above, left to right: James Rowe, Charles Thomas, Nell Wilkins, Tom Wilkins, Floyd Magoon, Claude Smith, Emery Wilkins and John Kelley.

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Clothier Charles Gardner (second from right) measures Den Hall, Glenn Reed and Dean Morse for Centennial suits.



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North English

MAIN STREET MUSINGS

CARL L. HOGENDORN—First President Press Columnists of Iowa

Just one hundred years ago the town of North English came into being, and has progressed slowly but surely down through the years. According to the last census our town has 849 residents. At one time the population was over one thousand but yet, North English is probably a better town today than at any time in its century of existence. There are those who will disagree with this statement—especially some of the old-timers—and who can blame them, for certainly North English has had an interesting one hundred years.

All we know about "old North English" is what has passed our ears from the lips of earlier residents. But we do know North English for the last score years. Those twenty years have been good years for the town. They have also been bad years—for we have lost many, many of our good citizens through death.

I often think of the number of business people who have died since I came to North English in 1933, changing the entire complexion of Main Street. They were all wonderful people who helped make North English a better town and set a good example for this generation of younger business men and women.

Those business and professional people who have died since I landed on Main Street are: Jim Lindsey, one of the first gas station operators in Iowa County; blacksmith Ed Harber; Lloyd Ayres, Ford agent; my old boss, Wm. J. Kueneman; editor of The Record; Ross Mahannah of the furniture store; George Mahannah, restaurant owner; Clyde Post, pioneer jeweler; Bessie Billingsley, who operated the grocery following the death of her husband; Lenah Lawler, postmaster; Roy "Shorty" Evans, hardware man, one of the best friends I ever had; W. W. Lawler, insurance man and old-time cafe operator; Forrest "Frosty" Plank, whose father, Felix Plank, opened the first feed store in North English; Virgil Wilson, who built the Phillips 66 station; Ellison Warner, who operated the lumber yard and always boasted his home

town; N. S. "Sam" Miller, hardware and pool hall owner, and his wife, "Rosie"—both the salt of the earth; Belle Carson, a grand old lady who helped establish the library here; W. C. "Kit" Carson, long-time clothing store operator; "Nana" Coxe, a down-to-earth woman who certainly did her share for this community; her husband, Dr. J. R. Coxe, who helped local people ease their aches and pains for many years; Rue Carmichael, a wonderful fellow who operated the east side restaurant.

Then there was "Granny" Hatter, clothier, who was all for North English; John Petheram, the roly-poly baker, who liked to have fun; Phil Fluck, who served the Milwaukee as agent for many years; and fellows such as Art Lindsey, Perry Dillon, Cecil Hahn who were working in business places when I first came here. Hunter McClelland was operating the Standard station, and Dr. Austin Wymer had his chiropractic office in the North English Savings Bank building.

This is quite a list of persons to disappear from Main Street in a short period of twenty years, and we may have missed some through faulty memory.



The above picture was taken nearly 50 years ago. Mrs. Wm. J. Kueneman holds daughter, Huberteen, while daughter Dorothy, stands. Dorothy wrote "The Old Home Town" column for The Record before her death in 1940.

Main Street is a better place today because these men and women spent untold years serving the public and their town. This was undoubtedly true of their fathers before them.

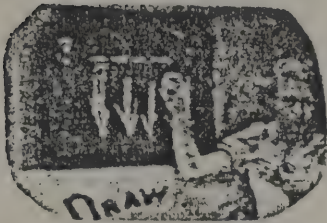
We doubt very much if the main street of North English will see as many changes through death during the next twenty years as it has in the past twenty.

Another man who was not on Main street but was in business when I came here (but now dead) was Roy Simmons. Roy was a very good carpenter.

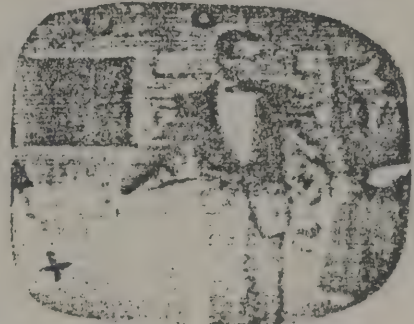
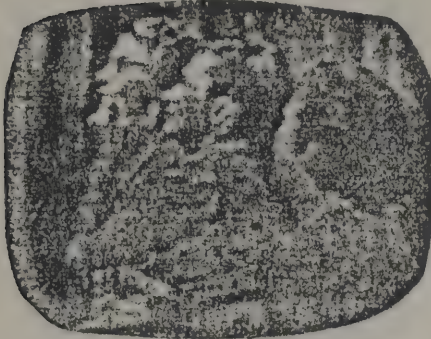


An old view of Main Street looking south, taken from top of the hill. Note the wagon tracks in the dust; the horse watering trough in foreground and the canopies in front of business houses on both sides of the street.

Radio and television helped promote a successful centennial



North English received much publicity on KCRI-TV Cedar Rapids, when four local women participated in "Quick on the Draw" program. Top left: Blanche Smith; top right, Bertilla Hogendorn; bottom left: Blanche Smith, Leola Andrews and Bertilla Hogendorn ponder correct answer; bottom right: Hildred Morgan receives "draw" slip from Jack Ware, M.C.



Arlene Carter, Helen Hervey, Gladys Lockridge and Bernice Tripes at the North English broadcast on the Betty Baker Show, WHO, at Des Moines.



Ione Johnson and Carl Hogen-dorn interviewed by Sunny Johnston on WMT-TV, about the history of North English and plans for the Centennial. The Square Dance Club also appeared on this same program.



Bob Henry of Station KBOE Oskaloosa, interviews Helen Bucher during the broadcast from the North English Auditorium.



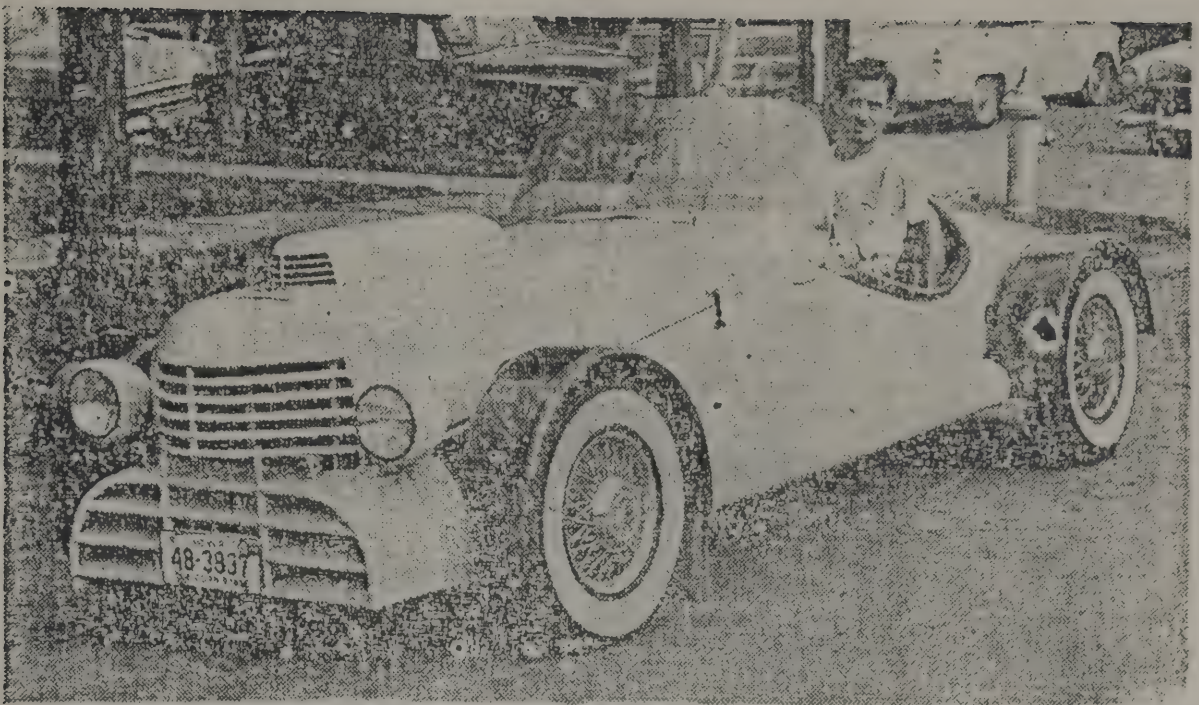
Sandy Singer talks with Mrs. Lynn Kolosik, Mrs. Eddie Holden and Mrs. Ellis Morse on the KCRI-TV show. Russ Prandy, Von Berstler and Leslie Williams look on.



Ione Johnson

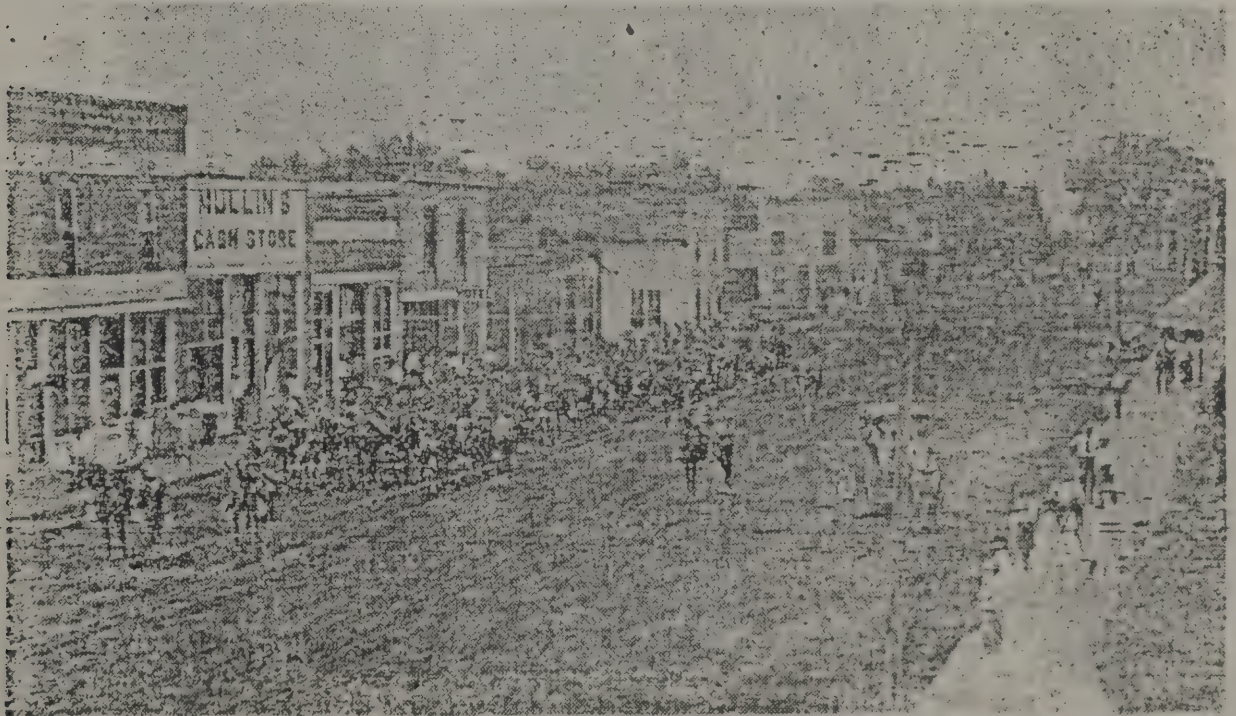


Sandy Singer of KCRI-TV interview "old-time" baseball players, Jinx Fuller, Walter Cassidy, Harry Jordon, Tib Wilkerson, Leelyn Miller, Truman Faas, Ralph McCombs and John Finch.



There were old cars and new cars in the Centennial parade and one which attracted a lot of attention was this stream-lined beauty built and driven by Bob Smith of North English. Built on a 1940 Ford chassis, it has a Mercury motor and an aluminum body. It took Bob and his uncle, Merle (Pete) Smith, working odd hours, eight months to build the car.

THE FAMOUS TROOP A

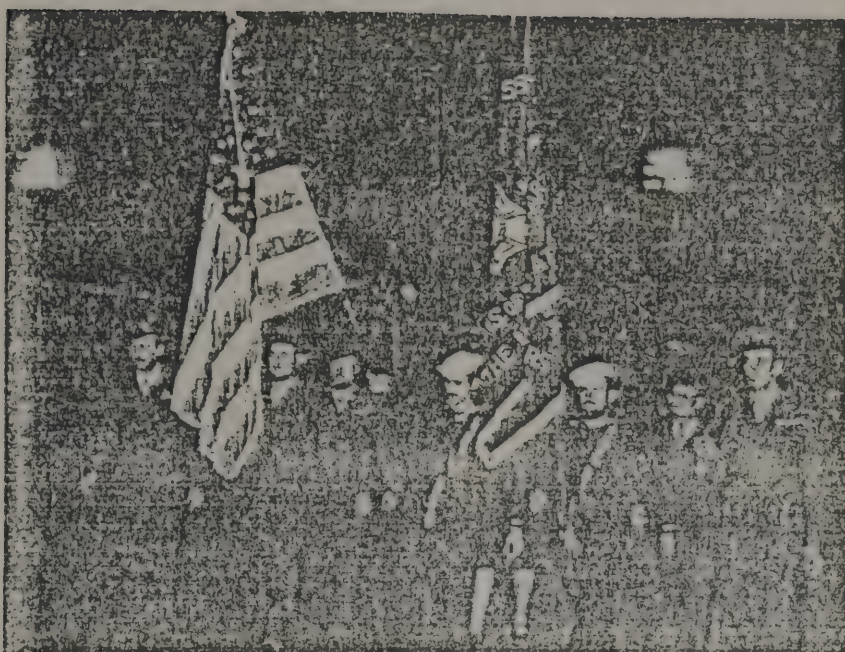


The above picture was taken at Parnell, Iowa on Sunday, August 11, 1915 as North English Troop A of the First Iowa National Guard (cavalry) was riding to Iowa City for encampment. Parnell people were coming from church as the troop rode thru.

At left front is Capt. Bryson, at

right front Dr. F. E. Humphrey. The bugle boy next to Bryson is Roy Phelps,

Some of the men in Troop A were Leo Wagner, Russell Ferris, Grant Wetherell, Billy Mohr, Lloyd Bickford, Thad Miller, Ross Hadley and Bill Baird.



Patriotic scene from pageant. Left to right: Don Swink, Stanley Lown, Norman McCombs, Bud Wade, Bill Lockridge, Dean Claypool, Ross Denison



Our
Librarian
Neva Stover



This butchering scene (taken in 1904) was once a familiar sight on Iowa farms. In the picture left to right: James, Michael, Edward, Steven, and John Berry. Notice the rail fence in the background.

NORTH ENGLISH ALWAYS GOOD DAIRY CENTER

J. W. Caughey started the first dairy business in selling milk to the public.

Mrs. Warren Thomas and sister, Kate McCracken, also were engaged

in delivering milk.

The milk was hauled from house to house in a horse-drawn cart. The milk was dispensed from a milk can with a long-handled dipper. When the milk bell rang, housewives rushed out with pan or pail to get their daily supply of milk.

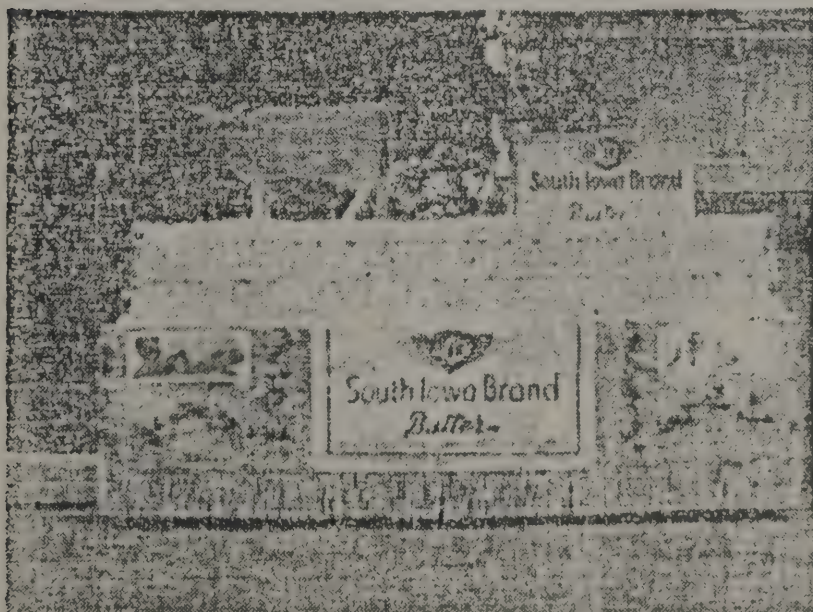
In later years many others engaged in selling bottled milk to the town: Milo Stover, Jess McCalla, Frank Knipfer, Dale Lown.

PARADE JUDGES WORKED HARD



The Centennial parade judges had a pretty rough time deciding winners in the various classifications — so numerous and outstanding were the entries. The judges were, left to right: Dwain Mueller, editor of the *What Cheer Patriot-Chronicle*; Don Adams, jr., editor of the *Sigourney Review*, and Harold Ellis, publisher of the *Marengo Pioneer-Republican*.

First Place Float — Commercial



English Valleys' Creamery walked off with first place in the commercial classification of the parade. The float featured a but-

Today the town is supplied with milk from a modern sanitary dairy established by Arthur Carter in 1950.

No town in Iowa can boast of a more modern equipped dairy than "Sun Ray," having equipment to pasteurize and homogenize milk, and it is delivered in sanitary bottles or cartons by truck daily.

CREAMERIES

The first creamery was established in May, 1885, by Nichol Brothers and S. P. Chiles, across the street from where the Catholic Church is now located.

Cream was hauled in covered wagons drawn by horses or mules. Oliver Swink, grandfather of Don Swink, was a cream hauler. Sammy Billingsley and C. B. Butler were butter makers.

The first year the creamery was started, 500 pounds of first-class butter was manufactured per day.

The new modern creamery under the name of English Valley Co-operative Creamery, was established April 20, 1931, with O. O. Hauskins manager and butter maker. At the end of the first year, 294,157 pounds of butter were manufactured. In the first full year of operation, 576,899 pounds were manufactured. In 1953 under the management of George Gilmore, 2,491,688 pounds were manufactured.

A Creamery Picnic has been an annual event every summer since the creamery was established in 1931. The first one was held in the Gibben's pasture and grove southeast of town.

Original directors when first established were: F. L. Wallace, Pres.; Roy Wallace, Vice-Pres.; O. O. Faas, Secy.; Directors Frank Bliss, Henry Norling, Chas. Bauer, Ralph King, S. S. Cobb, Orval Fry, Newell Gibbens, Charles Markwell, and O. O. Hauskins, Manager.

The businessmen and farmers who helped start the creamery should feel very proud of their project. They are to be commended by the community and patrons for their financial support in starting it, as well as the many patrons for their support in continuing to market their product through this concern.

Present directors are: Gene Holden, Pres.; David Gilmore, Vice-Pres.; Orval Faas, Secy.; James Keiser, James Hotka, Harry Morse, Edd Morse, Homer Miller, Kenneth Snakenberg, and George Gilmore, Manager.

Present cream haulers are: Everett (Pete) Colbert, Bruce Holden, Keith Kirkpatrick, Kermit Krewson, Jack Lockridge, James Lockridge, Keith Shuler, and Norman (T.J.) Wil-



Two Centennial lovelies,
Darlene Kirkpatrick and
Margaret Thomas.



Thousands of people enjoyed the Kangaroo
Court sessions each Saturday night before
the Centennial



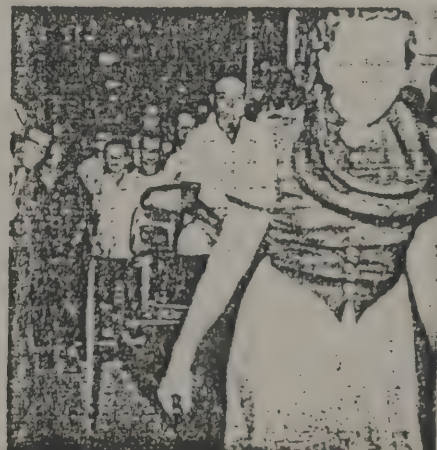
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Four charming Centennial ladies: Mrs.
Harold Walter, Mrs. Guy Harris, Mrs.
Martha Lindsey, and Mrs. Warner Baird.



Time to Go--"Papa" Herb Williams leads
Bob Bucher by ear away from girl-friend
Louise Turner, in pageant scene.



Mildred Cox pulls husband, Cliff,
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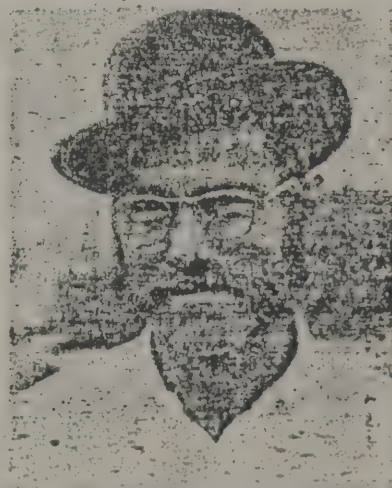
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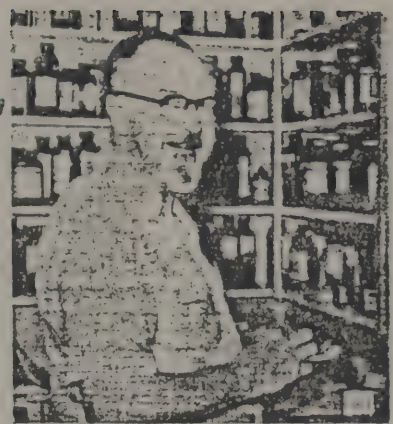
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Soaking wet Barney Morgan grabs for anything trying to climb from the water tank where he was tossed during Kangaroo Court.

Mrs. Owen Winchell, in Centennial garb, during the working hours at the Utility Office.



Dr. L. A. Miller, practicing here nearly 30 years has been attending physician at the birth of over 1500 babies in this community.



Three sets of parents, all graduates of NEHS in the class of 1950, get together at parade. They are: Phyllis Grove Wiggins, Jim Wiggins, Mary Lou Lockridge Harris, Jerry Harris, Betty Jo Gilchrist Donahue, and Kenneth Donahue. The children are Jimmy and Danny Wiggins, Cathy and Kristi Lockridge and Michael Donahue.



Two Brothers of the Brush Dean Morse (left) and Walter (Bud) Wade, check to see what is next on the program.



Tired of watching the parade, two little girls, Kristi and Suellen Wilkerson turn their attention to their stylish Centennial dresses. They are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilkerson,

A. Stinson Was First North English Newspaper Publisher

The earliest edition of the North English News was put out by Mr. A. Stinson in the early '80's, then came Mr. Hill, H. L. Wood, L. I. Noble, Maxwell & Tallbott. Then the Record Publishing Company comprised of L. I. Nicol, W. C. Carson, J. R. Roller, C. P. Schell was next.

In 1902 T. R. MacMillan became editor. He was followed by Dan MacMillan, Findley Duffield, Glenn Kirkpatrick, Lois O'Brien. William J. Kueneman was editor from 1914 until his death in 1944.

At present the Record is edited by Carl Hogendorn assisted by his wife, Bertilla. The latest mechanical facilities make the plant both mechanically and editorially a much better newspaper for the town and surrounding communities, than in early days.

Greetings From Sen. Hickenlooper

North English Centennial,
North English, Iowa.
Dear Friends:

It gratifies me to learn that the Centennial Anniversary of your municipality is to be observed in a most fitting manner.

Naturally, as a close neighbor, I have always felt very much at home in North English and the surrounding area.

As one who prizes his birthright, and as a descendant of Iowa pioneers, I have a full conception of the ceremonies that will characterize the fine program you have in hand. Truly, it is an inspirational and constructive endeavor.

The vision of those sturdy pioneers who settled in North English is fully realized in the character of citizenship that exists there today, and throughout your entire countryside.

It is my earnest hope that official duties may not preclude acceptance of your invitation to be a participant in this observance that will in truth be a demonstration of our God-given American way of life.

With every good wish for the success of the event, I am

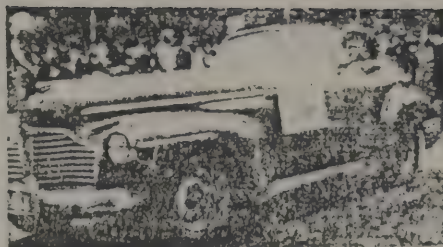
Sincerely yours,

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Centennial Parade



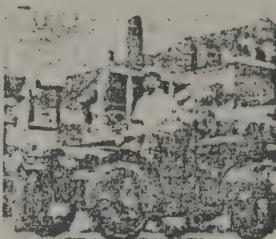
Mahannah's Furniture
Parade Entry



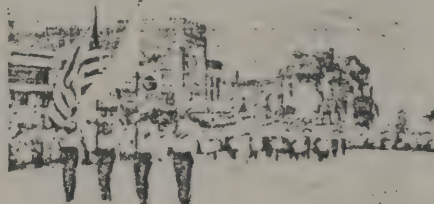
Elmer "Buck" Shull's elongated rear-seat drive car attracted much attention.



One of the more beautiful floats was the Fair Store entry. Margaret Thomas is the girl.



Another
old car



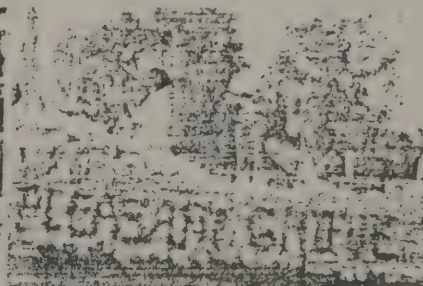
The Cedar Rapids Drum and Bugle Corp were nifty steppers.



The Home Lumber Company float depicted "Home Sweet Home."



Ponies in the
Parade pleased
the kids.



The Pleasant Grove Church
had a beautiful float.



A 1904 Oldsmobile was the entry of Miller Hardware. Mr. and Mrs. Lecil Miller ride in the back seat.



Charlotte
Smith rides
Smith Motor
float.

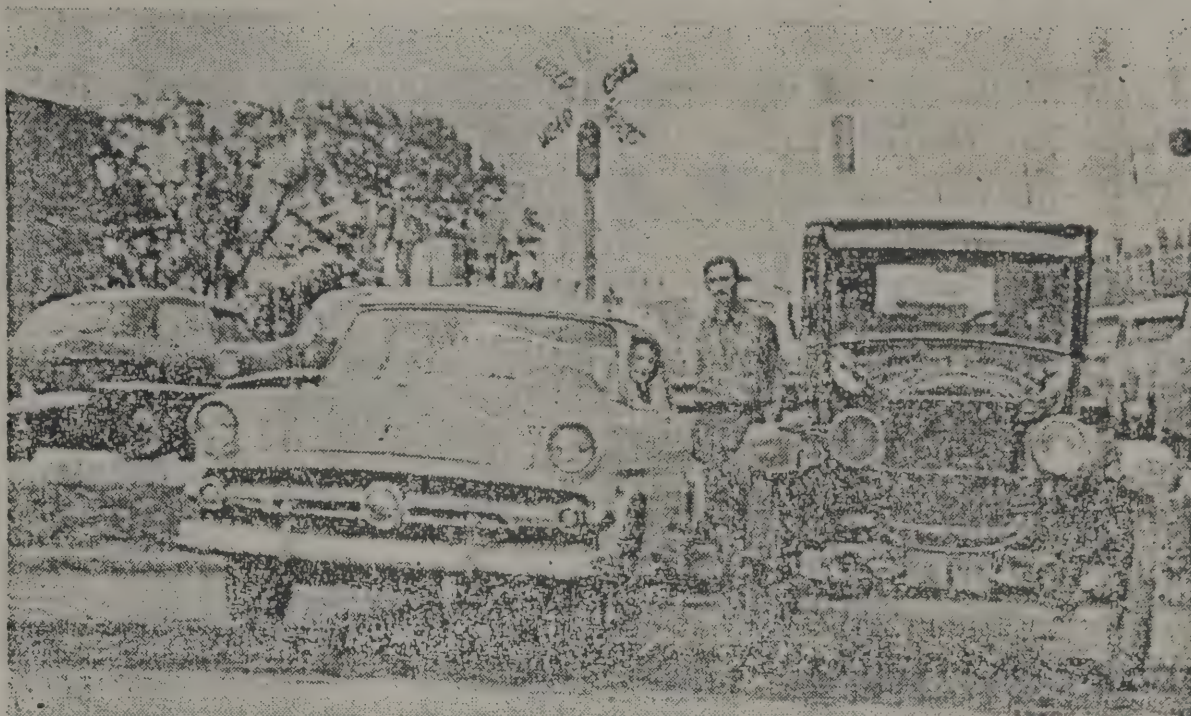


The North English "Little German Band" pepped-up the parade. Leader is Larry Faas, Delbert Gilmore, Bob Wilkerson, Russell Bucher, Richard Gilmore, members. Peggy Carter not present for picture.



The Cedar Rapids Shriners were a popular attraction.

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OLD PROSPECTOR — The Farmers Savings Bank entry in the novelty class was awarded second place in the parade. The 'Old Prospector' role was portrayed by Roy Scandridge, who led burros with full packs. The crowd truly enjoyed this entry.

PLEASANT GROVE BAND



Many years ago the Pleasant Grove community had a concert band that played for all sorts of functions. Pictured above are, front row, left to right: Godfrey Knipfer, Guy Miller, Charles Voelkel, Ben Cheney and Fred Chapman. Back row, left to right: Homer Chncey, Lester Wallace, Elmer Cheney, Julius Knipfer (non-member, Bert Cheney (non-member). Art Miller and Jim Ballard, members, were not present for the picture.

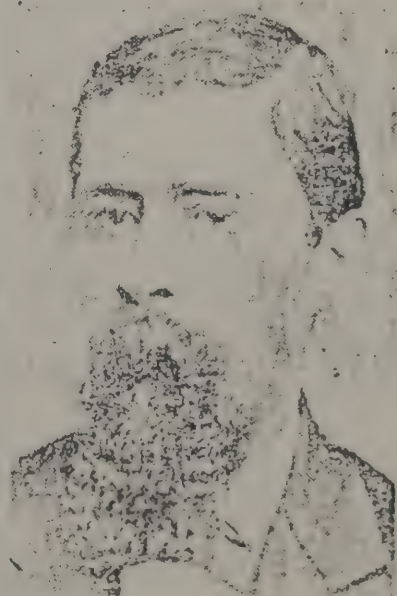
Older Residents Ride In Parade

Riding at the head of the Centennial parade were some of the older residents of the community. They were:

Mrs. Belle King—90
Mrs. Mabel Post Butler—89
Mrs. Ida Ferris—89
Mrs. Ida Wymore—87
Mrs. Minnie Claypool—85
John Kolosik—84
Mrs. Stella Kolosik—84
Mrs. Cora Smothers—82
Willis Penn—83
Sherm Smothers—82
Marcus Kolosik—81
Henry Riess—81
Owen Huxford—80
M.s. Mary Wade

Pete West, 90, had planned to ride in the parade but got caught in the traffic jam and did not make it in time. Walter Griffiths, 80, was also unable to ride at the last minute.

PIONEER LUMBERMAN



Pictured above is Robert Mayne, one of the partners in the Mayne Brothers Lumber Company which operated here many years ago. Mr. Mayne was an uncle of Mrs. Belle King.

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The V. F. W. organization was organized after World War II.



Jo Rae Hogendorn and her doll - a prize winner in the Pet and Doll Parade.



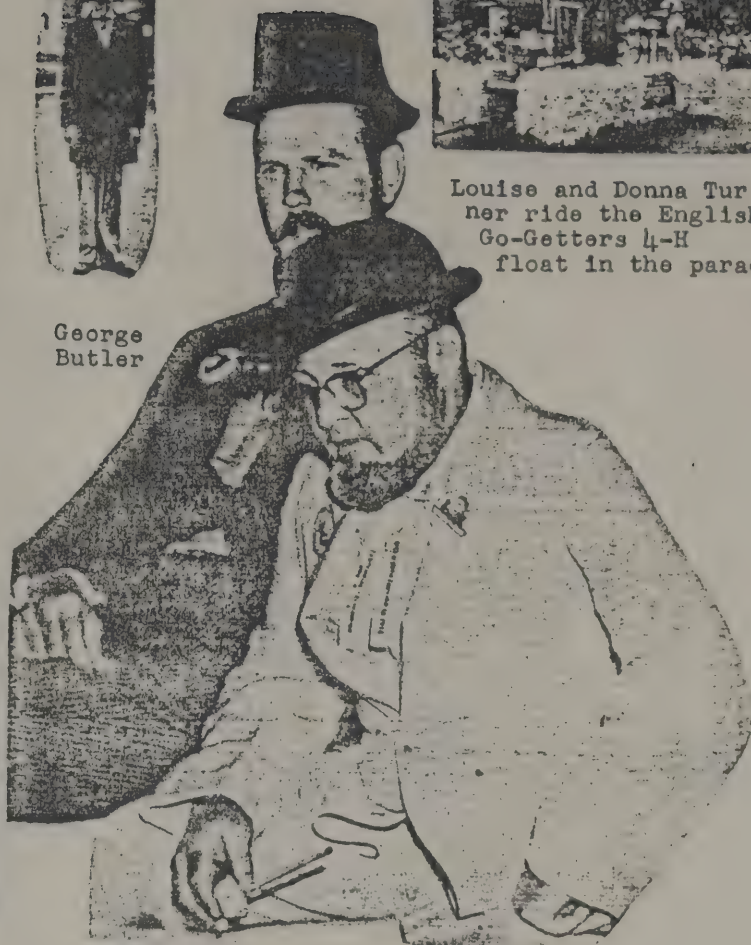
George Butler



Louise and Donna Turner ride the English Go-Getters 4-H float in the parade.



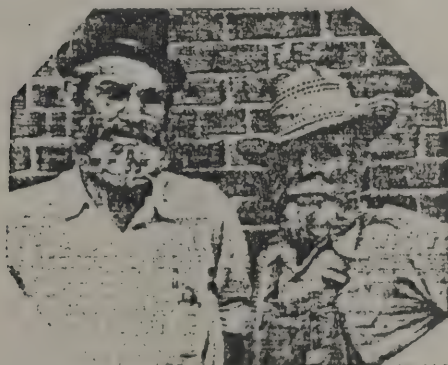
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kirkpatrick and son, Bobby.



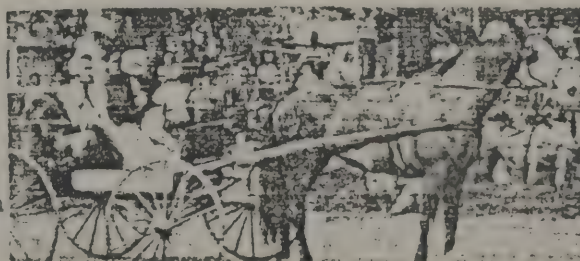
Two distinguished gentlemen - Dr. Frank Mertz and Roy "Shorty" Harris.



Willard Popham, Bob Jones, George Gilmore



Gean Smith and "Boge" Thomas. Gean worked for the town for 29 years, as fire chief and council man; "Boge" for 30 years as marshal.



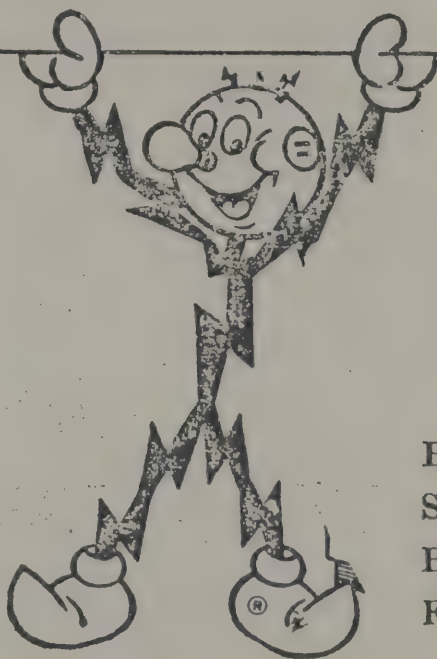
Mr. and Mrs. Verne Jansen drive their "one-horse shay" in the parade.

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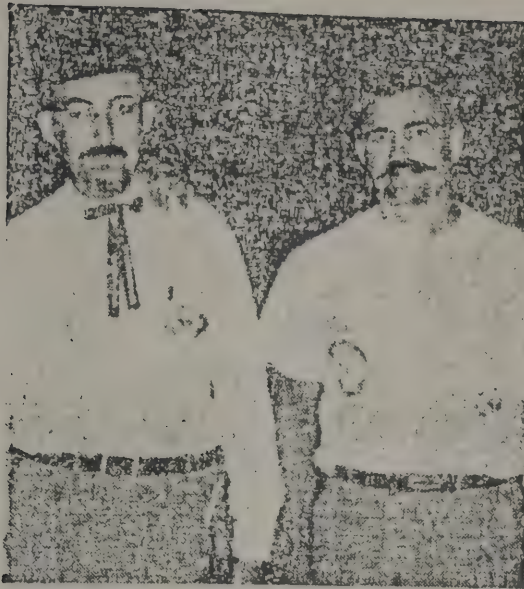
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Mace Brown, only North English youth ever to play in the major leagues, was leading pitcher in the National League in 1938, with the Pittsburgh Pirates. He is shown here with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Brown.



Theodore Van Auker, chairman of Brothers of the Brush; Marie Casady, chairman of Sisters of the Swiss. Both did a grand job.



HARD WORKERS — Two men who worked long and hard to make the Centennial a success were Rev. John McCurdy (left), chairman of the publicity committee, and E. E. Andrews, general co-chairman.

OLD HAT



The hat contest provoked a lot of mirth — and there were many beautiful entries. Here Mrs. Jim Johnson of South English models her winning hat as she receives her award from Mrs. Casady.



We present herewith the class of 1906 North English high school.

Front row, left to right: Winnifred Fluckey Olson of Waterloo; Roscoe Thomas (deceased); Della Fry Butler of Montezuma, John Kelly (deceased), Ella Kelly Carrel of Spencer. Ruby Evans Lockridge.

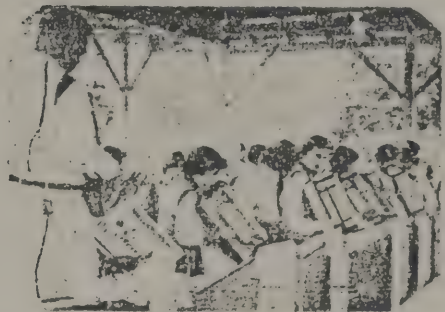
Standing, left to right: Ethel Myers of Chicago, Mr. Pearson (principal), Nell Calvin Miller, Ada Owen Rathien of Williamsburg, Eva Kelly Von Rueden of Reynolds, N. D., Linnie Humphrey Lawler of Cedar Rapids and Mr. Shullis (superintendent).



Judge Dick Owens, ponders the penalty to be meted out as a culprit appears before him during the Kangaroo Court.



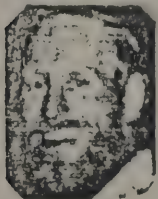
Large crowds enjoyed the Gould Circus. The four on the right end of the bench are: Nelle Blair, Mrs. Will Harris, Tunney Reed and Dr. Larry Miller



Jimmy's accordian band of Cedar Rapids furnished good music on Saturday afternoon.



Marvin "Pete" Aldrich looks at the "birdie"



"Dad" Thurman



Homer Boyd's restuarant was located on the east side. In this picture are from left: Mike Shanks, Anthony Fitzwater, Jennie Boyd, Grant Wetherell, and Homer Boyd.



Frances Littrel, Delores Wardenburg, Joan Harris, Roy Harris, Lorna Harris, Ida Long, Ann Agnew, Fannie Mullin.

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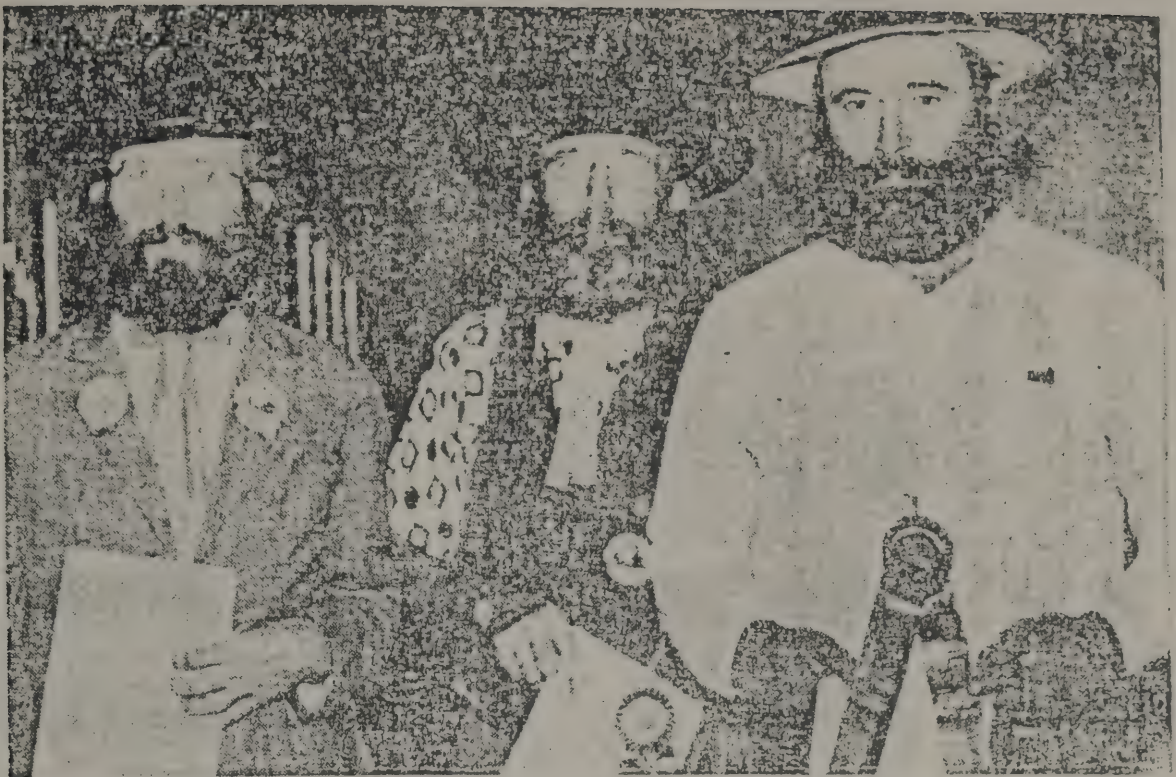
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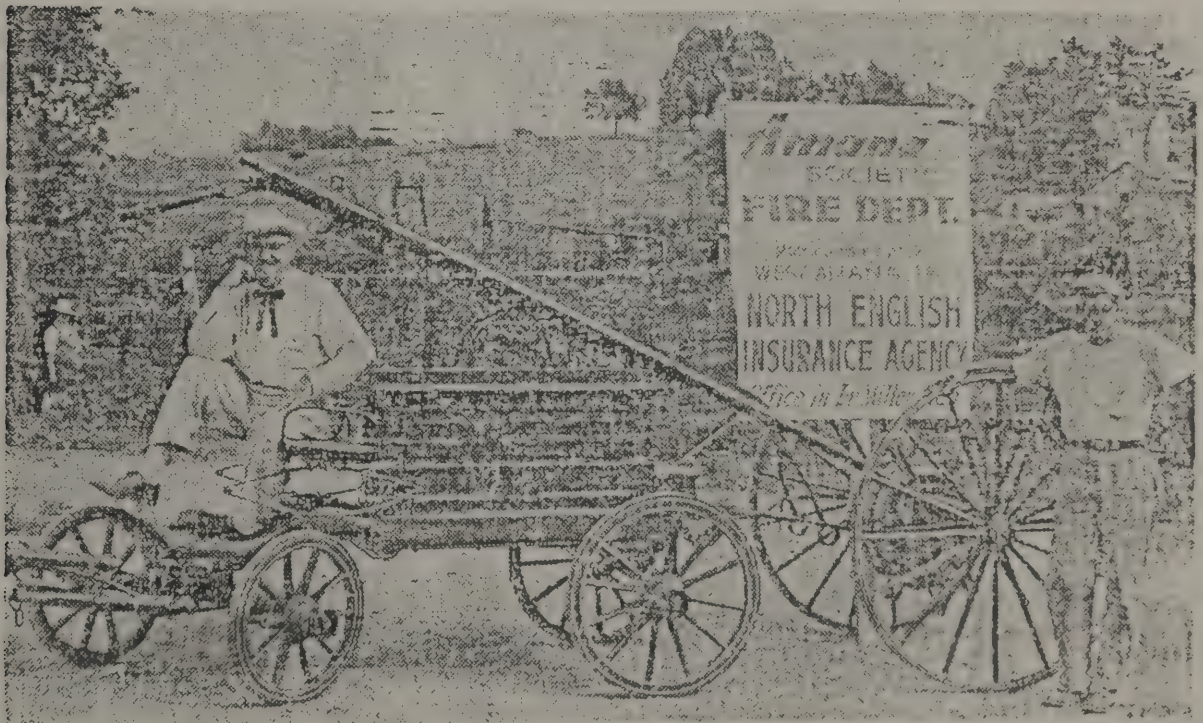
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GREW LONGEST BEARDS — Winners of the "longest beard" contest at the Friday night program were, left to right: Walter Casady (3rd prize); Everett Lortz (1st prize) and Roy Scandridge (2nd prize). The men are holding their ribbons. A large crowd saw the contest, in which Theodore Van Auken did a grand job as Master of Ceremonies.



A fire pump manufactured in Germany in 1847 and imported to the Amana colonies was probably the oldest entry in the North English Centennial parade. The pump is still in operating condition and will shoot stream of water 60 feet. It is hand operated. In the seat is C. E. Van Dyke, and standing is Vernon Jansen. In the background is Walter Darby.

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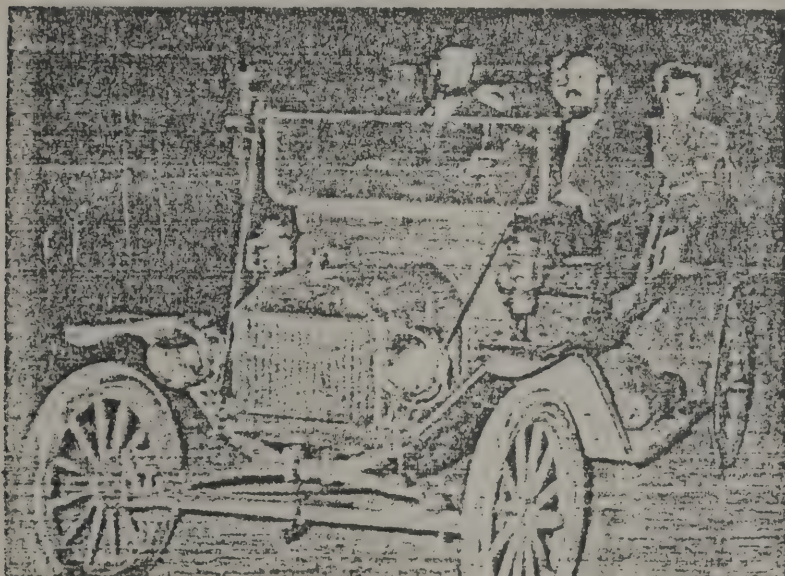
Sarah Holden and Ed O'Brien find themselves in "stocks" during a Kangaroo Court.



Ye olde barber, "Dubbin" Mason trims beard of Bill Faas.



Three generations in identical Centennial dress; Blanch Smith, daughter Becky and doll.



Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Banes and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCombs took the crowd "back" a few years with this Model T in the parade and pageant.



Sisters of the Swish were on a radio program over WHO. Here Betty Baker of WHO talks with Jean Mullin and Leita Reed.



Carl and Betty Noel and daughter took the crowd back to "horse and buggy days" with this scene in the parade and in the pageant.



Georgia Warner checks her "height" in a trick mirror at celebration.



BEFORE THE RUSH—Banker R. S. Ferris is pictured in front of his place of business the "Gold Bank" (Farmers Savings Bank) before Saturday's parade. Many business fronts were decorated with log slabs such as those in the picture. The men seated are Owen Winchell and 'Jinx' Fuller.



The carnival rides were going full blast Saturday when this picture was taken. It was Kid's Day and all the kids could ride at a cheaper rate. The Jay Gould free circus and carnival was enjoyed by thousands of Centennial visitors during the big three-day celebration.

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There are hundreds of Centennial pictures which belong in this book which were unavailable at the time of printing. For this reason, we have included two pages in this book for your own personal photos. Paste your photos on these pages and they will be a permanent part of this Centennial Book.

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Let our Centennial experiences be a warning to us. Let us keep our records accurately and set down our stories. One hundred years from now someone will wish to tell the tales of when automobiles ran on the ground; trains zipped along on dual tracks; airplanes took ten to twenty hours to fly from New York to Los Angeles; people attended movies in a theatre; and people still read newspapers, magazines and books instead of viewing everything on television. Yes, stories and incidents of the backward and pioneer days of 1954, before daily trips to outer space were started, will be history in 2054.

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